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FROM the podium, Farmington city manager Robert Deadman made it clear he didn't want to follow state Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, in making a presentation at the retirement party for state Rep. Sandy Brobst, R-Farmington, last week.

"I only had one stipulation when I was asked to be a presenter — that I didn't want to follow Jack Faxon."

Deadman told the gathering at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills.

"He's a man who's simply too glib and too smooth for me to try to emulate."

DEMOLITION set. Board members of the First Baptist Church of Farmington on Shiawassee plan to demolish the Carpenter House this month, they told the city recently.

The Farmington City council had asked that it be done by this fall.

The house — of historic significance but in dilapidated condition — sits on church-owned property to the west of the church in downtown Farmington.

The house was built in 1826 by Farmington's founder, Arthur Power.

QUOTE of the week

"I'm trying to be objective and unbiased. I think he's somewhat of a liability. But I'm not so sure he will be by election day."

— Farmington Hills councilman Terry Sever, shortly before listening to Republican vice presidential candidate Dan Quayle at an Oakland Community College rally Monday (see story on this page).

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Quayle draws hundreds to OCC

Criticizes Dukakis, Democratic platform

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff writer

Fifteen-year-old Chris Dunham of Farmington Hills is hoping he can one day say he saw the vice president of the United States in person.

"I think this is really neat. You get to see him in real life," the Harrison High School student said Monday during Republican vice presidential candidate Dan Quayle's visit to Farmington Hills.

Dunham's beaming smile was one among several hundred as Republicans of all ages squeezed into the Oakland Community College Oakland Ridge Campus gymnasium to get a peek at the Indiana senator.

Posters and signs — "Quayle Great for '88" and "Pro-Life. Pro-Quayle" — dotted the horizon. Girl Scouts, students and adults of varying ages were ushered into the OCC gymnasium by security personnel, who occasionally asked for a peek into participants' bags and satchels.

"I like what he's saying. I like what he's doing. I think he's been ter-

ribly maligned," said Bloomfield Township resident Helen Wolfe, who with husband, Bob, held a large placard declaring, "Retirees for Quayle."

Michael Bouchard, unsuccessful Republican candidate for the 69th state House district, was equally supportive and eager to get a glimpse of Quayle, 41, a senator for 12 years.

"I want to hear the next vice president," the Beverly Hills Village Council president said. "I think he's an unknown. It's important to show who and what he is."

NOT ALL was roses and smiles at the quickly planned rally at OCC, which followed Quayle's noon speech before the Economic Club of Detroit.

About 75 young supporters of Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, the Democratic presidential candidate, gathered outside the OCC gymnasium, jeering as Quayle made his exit. Their signs were clear:

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Unsuccessful state House candidate Michael Bouchard of Beverly Hills and Farmington Hills city councilman Terry Sever await the arrival of vice presidential candidate Dan Quayle Monday afternoon at Oakland Community College.

League yanks support

The League of Women Voters correctly withdrew its support for this month's second presidential debate because the event was orchestrated for the benefit of the candidates rather than the voters, according to a number of League of Women Voters members in Oakland County.

"It was obvious the first presidential debate was set up and organized by the bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates," said Linda DePoorter, voters service chairwoman for the 90-member League of Women Voters West Bloomfield-Farmington Area.

"We heard only what the candidates wanted to be heard. I'm sure they wanted the same thing the next time around (at our debate)."

The League of Women Voters, which traditionally sponsors presidential debates, announced last week that it wanted no part of "hoodwinking" the American public in the second debate between George Bush and Michael Dukakis, scheduled for mid-October in Los Angeles. League spokeswomen said both campaigns sought unacceptable restrictions on the debate.

The debate will still go on, but local League representatives agreed with the national organization's decision to pull out.

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David Ira Brown

'Cleaner look'

Kendallwood to undergo \$3 million remodeling

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff writer

After complaints about deteriorating appearance and safety problems, Kendallwood Shopping Center, on the corner of Farmington and 12 Mile, will get a new, \$3 million lease on life.

"People won't recognize it. They'll believe it's a brand new center," said Rich Host, Farmington Hills-based Newport Construction marketing director. "This (remodeling) is a response to the area. The center itself was basically in good shape. It was ugly but it was in good shape."

The construction management firm is aiming for a "cleaner look

Mistaken identity concerns Hills computer specialist

By Bob Sklar
Staff writer

What's in a name? Double confusion for a Farmington Hills computer expert, worried that people might confuse him with a murder suspect in California.

David Ira Brown, 39, who founded Data Recovery Inc. of Plymouth Township in 1981, said he hasn't lost any suppliers or clients.

But because a few thought he was the murder suspect, he called his 100 suppliers and clients nation-

wide to clear up any doubts. "All of the customers I talked with apologized up and down for even thinking it," Brown said.

Until September, David Arnold Brown, 35, of Anaheim, Calif., had been a computer consultant. In early August, he filed to do business as Data Recovery Inc. Now, he's behind bars, charged with masterminding his wife's murder.

David Ira Brown is not about to pass judgment on the other man's guilt or innocence. But he wants everyone to know he's not the man

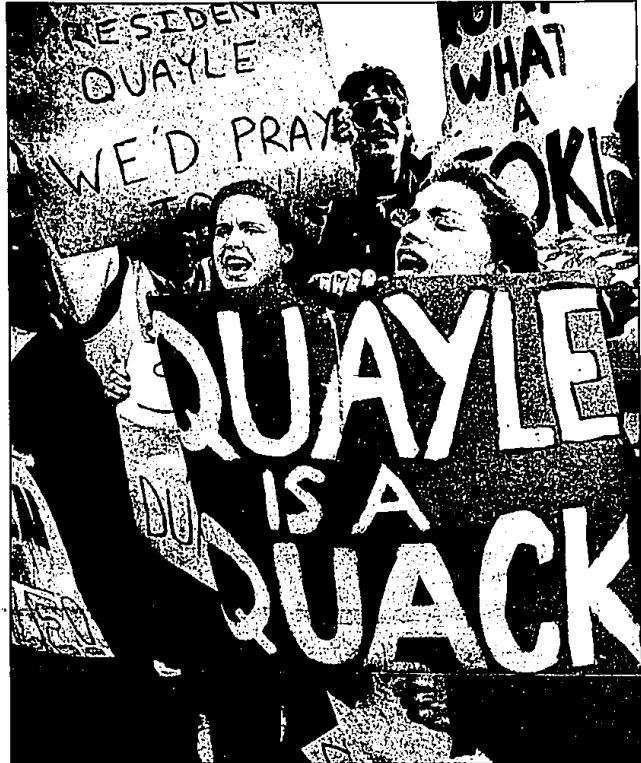
involved in the murder case and their companies are not related.

Ironically, David Ira Brown knew of the California man and his line of work.

"When he heard of 'David Brown who did recovery of data for a disk maintenance company in California' 4½ years ago, David Ira Brown called him."

"We kind of laughed about it," Brown said, recalling that David Arnold Brown appeared to be

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Some 75 young Dukakis-Bentsen supporters demonstrated their opposition to U.S. Sen. Dan Quayle as he left the Oakland Community College gymnasium following a short rally Monday afternoon.

that will fit into the neighborhood. This is a canopied and flat-faced new face going on," Host said.

Consistency in facades will replace the hodge-podge of varied store fronts.

Owned by James Butler of Southfield, the shopping center has long been of concern to city officials and residents. "I have had comments made to me," Farmington Hills city manager William Costick said.

there before applicable ordinances, Costick said.

IN A recent letter to the city, the Observer and to Butler, residents Natalie and Ron Rice demanded accountability. "We have lived in Farmington Hills for 14 years. For at least 10 of those years, we have been very concerned about the parking lot and upkeep of the Kendallwood Shopping Center," the residents wrote.

"It's a situation where a lot of people knew it was there when they got there (moved into area)," Host said.

Newport Construction says they are committed to making the center blend into the neighborhood. "We

don't do anything half way. We can't afford to do it less than 110 percent," Host said.

As construction managers, Newport Construction will work with Butler and the building trades. The company is not a general contracting firm. "This eliminates a lot of the owners' involvement. It is much less expensive, and we can be more on schedule," Host said.

Upgrading the center to attract a different mix of tenants is one of the goals of the renovation project. Some existing tenants, such as Crowley's and Perry Drugs, will remain. But the majority of the center will

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