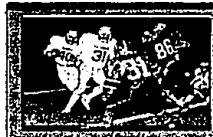


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**STEPPING down.**  
Longacre Elementary principal Millie Bennett and North Farmington High assistant principal Gil Henderson will retire this school year.  
Bennett, who has served the district since 1966, will retire Dec. 31. Henderson, who came to the district in 1985, will retire Jan. 31.

**HELPING hand.**  
Five percent of all sales Wednesday, Oct. 26 at the Great Scott supermarket on Orchard Lake Road at 13 Mile will go to North Farmington High to support academic, club, drama, music and sports programs.  
Students will provide free grocery cartout and entertainment.

**BOARD work.**  
Betty Kizer of Farmington Hills was elected to the Exeter Seal Society of Oakland County board of directors.  
The society has provided services to children and adults with disabilities since 1945. Last year, 13,500 people were served.

## Memory lane

**50 years ago:**  
Because their father failed to stop at Nine Mile, a through highway, while driving on Tuck Road, four Farmington children are fatherless. Henry Grimes died last Saturday of injuries suffered the night before when his automobile was struck by one driven by a Ferndale man driving along Nine Mile, police said.  
Farmington High School students are jubilant today, because their archrival on the gridiron, Walled Lake, was finally defeated Wednesday by Farmington, 31-0. Walled Lake had trampled the Farmington team each fall for more than five years.  
— Farmington Enterprise, Oct. 20, 1938

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**Homecoming Centennial**  
Farmington High School celebrated its 100th anniversary during homecoming ceremonies Saturday, but the Falcons were unable to complete the occasion with a victory, losing 27-0 to Plymouth Salem. Game details are on Page 3C. For more homecoming coverage, see Thursday's Observer.

## Nissan will open Hills R&D center

By Joanne Maliszewski  
staff writer

Ann Arbor-based Nissan Research and Development will stake part of its future in Farmington Hills with a \$50-million facility in the new Country Club Corporate Park.

"This is an integral part of Nissan (Motors Ltd., Tokyo) to build an all-American car in this country by 1992," said John Higgins of Los Angeles-based Bob Thomas & Associates, Nissan's public relations firm.

A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. today at the corporate park, on the southeast corner of 12 Mile and Haggerty, Nissan president Takeshi Tanuma will attend.

Gov. James Blanchard is expected to attend "to discuss the economic impact on Michigan," Higgins said. "This is a significant investment in the state of Michigan."

Nissan Research and Development designs the cars sold in North America by Tokyo-based Nissan Motors Ltd. Details about the facility, Nissan's plans and new job opportunities will be unveiled at the ceremony.

"This project is expected to result in a number of jobs for the community, particularly in engineering," Higgins said.

NISSAN OFFICIALS don't have an artist's rendering yet of the new facility, on roughly 50 acres of the 108-acre corporate park, Higgins said. City officials haven't received a site plan for the project, said Dale Countegan, Farmington Hills community development and planning director.

Nissan officials haven't determined for certain whether the new facility will serve as the company's new headquarters. At least in the short term, headquarters will remain in a leased Ann Arbor facility. The company's Plymouth facility also is being expanded, Higgins said.

"Crain's Detroit Business" in early October reported that the Ann Arbor company would relocate to new national headquarters in a 250,000-300,000-square-foot facility in Farmington Hills.

Northern Equities Group, Farmington Hills, which owns the park, was successful a couple of months ago in receiving approval from city officials to increase the size of the lots in the park. The original plan called for 21 lots. The size and number of lots was changed to 12.

"With them being a little bigger now, it's more conducive to bigger projects," Countegan said.

The 108-acre park covers the largest portion of the former 138-acre country club. The remaining acreage was bought separately by other owners. The park boasts both office-research and industrial research office zoning.

The corporate park was created when the 32-year-old Farmington Hills Country Club moved into new quarters at the 253-acre Godwin Glen Country Club in Lyon Township last year.

The park is considered the last significant office-research park in Farmington Hills.

## Abortion not political issue, Dolans agree

By Casey Hans  
staff writer

Abortion has become a political issue this fall because of a statewide ballot proposal, but the Democratic candidate for the 69th state House district seat says it should be removed from the political arena.

"I feel very strongly it is not a partisan, political issue," said Democrat John E. Dolan of Bingham Farms. "The people making it so — in both parties — are doing a disservice."

Republican candidate Jan C. Dolan of Farmington Hills holds her position that abortion should be strictly a woman's choice to make. "I would not deny to poor women what wealthy women can afford," she said. "It's the law of the land."

The mother of four added that she is "personally pro-life, but believes in a woman's choice."

John Dolan, a father of five, said he personally opposes abortion except for health reasons, and said he does not line up behind the Right to Life movement in Michigan, which calls for a constitutional amendment to end abortion.

Dolan also stressed that his personal feelings about abortion do not reflect his views on the women's movement, which he said he supports. He charged that abortion had become a "hidden agenda in this election."

MICHIGAN VOTERS will go to the polls Nov. 8 to decide whether the state Medicaid program should pay for poor women's abortions.

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Jan Dolan



John Dolan

## Planner Welday asked to resign

By Joanne Maliszewski  
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Farmington Hills planning commissioner Paul Welday's poor attendance record at the commission's weekly meetings has prompted the mayor to ask him to resign less than two years after his appointment.

The city council is expected to hold a public hearing on Welday's attendance record and whether he should be removed from the nine-member commission at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24.

Whether Welday, a political consultant, will attend the hearing is uncertain because he is out of town working on a political campaign. He was unavailable for comment.

"I told him his attendance record placed a burden on the rest of the commission. There is no such thing as a free lunch," said Mayor George Bush.

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Paul Welday

## Both sides claim their man won Thursday's presidential debate

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

Local political party representatives declared their candidate the winner in Thursday's televised presidential debate.

Both Aldo Vagnozzi, Farmington Democratic Club treasurer, and Suzanne Miller, Michigan Youth for Bush chairwoman, remain unwavering in their allegiances and political philosophy after the 90-minute debate in Los Angeles.

Vagnozzi, a Farmington Hills city councilman, and Miller, a Chrysler Corp. human resources department research analyst, each said discussion of issues was more prevalent in this debate than in the Sept. 25 debate between Republican vice president George Bush and Democrat Michael Dukakis, governor of Massachusetts.

"Mr. Dukakis seemed to have a better grasp of the issues, Michigan is winnable. Dukakis has a good chance nationwide," said Vagnozzi, an officer of Michigan's 18th district Democratic committee.

Vagnozzi would like to see another debate held a few days before the election.

Miller was, in turn, steadfast in her support for Bush.

"Bush did an outstanding job. It's a clear victory," she said. "The debate really showed the differences between the candidates."

MILLER WAS especially supportive of the vice president's anti-gun control stance as well as his position on the death penalty for drug kingpins.

"It was a kinder debate than the first one, contrasted to some of the negative campaigning with TV ads," Vagnozzi said. "With those, you don't have a chance to respond. This has been the bane of the political campaign."

But Miller said Bush's TV ads are neither mean nor nasty, but right on the mark. "They're very effective, they're getting the message out," said the third vice chair of the Michigan Republican Party and the state.

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