Here are top Farmington stories in 1988

rerouting in many Oakland and Wayne county hospitals, including Botsford General Hospita: in Farmington Hills, takes center stage. Botsford begins to take steps to cut the number of times the emergency room is closed to in-coming ambulances.

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A meager turnout of less than 2 percent of the registered voters is enough to pass an operating milage renewal for the Farmington Public Schools.

As the Oakland County serial rapes continue, former Oakland County prosecutor L.Brooks Patterson assigns an assistant prosecutor to work with police investigating the sexual assaults. Scientific tests and a polygraph later cleared a prime suspect in the assaults.

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The Farmington and Farmington
Hills branches of the U.S. Post Office were among the branches that
cut Saturday window services in an
effort to help balance the federal

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Former Farmington Hills resident James Arnold Edwards is convicted of second-degree murder and arson in the death of his wife, Marlene, 50. He was later senenced to 15-50 years in prison.
Sander's, a landmark and gathering spot for 27 years in the Downtown Farmington Center, closes.

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• MARCH
The Farmington Public Schools
begins an elementary magnet program at Highmeadow School as an
alternative to massive elementary
redistricting.
Bloomfield Hills manufactured
housing builder Howard Keating
takes the spotlight when the Farmington Hills City Council puts an
immediate hold on new building
permits and inspections for existing Keating houses. The council extablished the hold until a series of
reported ordinance violations and
other problems are solved.

The month ends with the rape of
a third Farmington Hills woman by

 APRIL
The most ♠ APRIL.
The month begins with the continuing investigation into the third rape in Farmington Hillis by the soft-spoken, knife-wielding Oak-land County rapist. Police find evidence from the last rape in a dumpster in a shopping center in suburban Cleveland. A task force of police agencies is formed to sift, through evidence and information gathered from the 11 sexual assuult crime seenes.
Work is continuing on the first phase of a \$1.4 million downlown Farmington streetscape project. Work includes improvements to the parting lot north of Grand River and bases for pedestrian lighting. The Farmington Hills Police Department's Cilizens Crime Advisory Committee unveils list 19-point yearlong plan to fight drug and alcohol abuse in the community. The campalga begins with a specially week.
Farmington school trustees ap-

week.
Farmington school trustees approve a new limited open enrollment program for high schools and middle schools.
Faced with heavy residents opposition, the Farmington Hills City Council drops plans for a meandering sidewalk on the east side of a scenic stretch of Drake Road.

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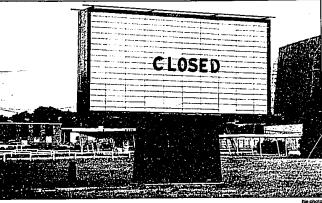
• MAY

Money is the big news in May for the school district and the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills. School trustees propose a tax cut by the boming property values mean bigger school tax bills, increasing the school budget by \$8 million.

It was the same for Farmington where city officials maintain the existing tax rate, though property taxes increase an average? percent because of increased property values.

values.

Faced with revenue loss and increased costs, Farmington Hills of ficials propose a small tax increase to support a \$24 million budget, a



The closing of the 40-year-old Grand River place the outdoor theater with a 300,000 Drive-in in July marked the end of an era.

Owners Tom and Fred Goldberg plan to re-

6.5 percent increase over the previ-

5.5 percent increase over the previous year's budget.

Farmington Hills city councilman Ben Marks collects an initial \$125,000 in cash and piedges from area business leaders to give to the financially troubled Farmington Community Center for needed capture the previous community Center for needed captured the previous control of the c

Community Center for needed cap-tical improvements.

Farmington officials denounce a Southeast Michigan Council of Governments report estimating that the city would have the third highest cost of any community in either Oakland or Wayne counties either Oakiand or Wayne counters for removing raw sewage and toxic pollutants from the Rouge River. The Farmington Hills Police De-partment begins a free and anony-mous drug analysis program de-

signed to help parents help their children. The program is part of the continuing yeartong drug alcohol education campaign by the department's Citizens Crime Advisory Committee.

JUNE
Keating Community Homes ex-

Sory Committee.

QUNE

**Keating Community Homes exchanges lawsuits with its financial backer, the Southfield-based Bloomfield Savings and Loan Association. Builder Howard Keating charges that the savings and loan reneged on its loan commitment to the manufactured housing builder.

**Botsford General Hospital reports a drop in ambulance rerouting from its emergency room.

Former Farmington Public School assistant superintendent

Lawrence Freedman is named as the new president of the Farming-ton Community Center. He is the center's former interim executive director and a new restaurant

director and a new restaurant owner.
The state House primary election is heating up with debates and issues. Running on the Republican ticket is Farmington Hills city councilwoman Jan Dolan, Beverly Hills Village Council President Michael Sauchard, Farmington Hills resident Michael Sarafa and Farmington Hills planning commissioner Paul Welday. On the Democratic side are Farmington Hills residents Kenneth Murray and John Dolan. A meager 1.1 percent of the school district's registered voters

school board.
Residential property appeals to plotted in the property tax assessments, some as high as a 20 percent increase, send shockwaves through Farmington Hills. Volunteers for the annual Rouge River cleanup in Farmington Hills have a sunny Saturday for their efforts.

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A dry spell that's bringing out sprinklers in record numbers also is causing a water bill increase for most Farmington and Farmington and Farmington school administrators announce that the facility's residents.

After a search for a new facility, the Boys Republic board and Farmington school administrators announce that the facility's residents will be schooled on the Nine Mile campus, between Middlebelt and Inkster. Roys Republic is home to emotionally disturbed youths ages 12-17.

Former school board president Helen Ditchary passes the gavel to new board president. Jack Cotton. Longtime trustee Helen Pritude is elected vice president. Work on a \$21.5 million widening of 1-696 in Farmington Hills and Southfield begins.

The end of an era is sealed with the closing of the 40-year-old Grand Rilver Drive-lin. Owners Tom and Fred Goldberg are planning to open a 300,000-square-foot shopping center in its place.

The Farmington Hills city Council votes to oppose a state bill designed to override local zoning or dinances to oppose a state bill designed to override local zoning or dinances to oppose a state bill designed to override local zoning or dinances to oppose a state bill designed to override local zoning or dinances to oppose a state bill designed to override local zoning or dinances from Work for the remaining to mills deputy clerk Kathy Dornan is chosen as the are city clerk, replacing retiring clerk John Reynolds.

police/fire calls

**ENDECEAST EXPOSURE

A man thought to be in his 30s expeed himself at a downtown Farmington business Dec. 27, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

The man first called the store, claiming to be a member of a fraternity and planning some sort of prank. He then arrived at the store and dropped his pants in froat of a store employee before fleeling.

SMOKING GARBAGE

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An estimated \$2,500 in damage
and content loss was reported following a fire Dec. 27 in a garage on
Plumbrook in Farmington Hills, according to fire department reports.
Ignition was caused by a smoking
cigarette, which apparently had
been discarded in a garbage can following a party, Deputy Fire Chile
Peter Baldwin said. The garbage can
was then placed in the garage.
Smoke was reported coming from
the garage Tuesday morning.

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police dents, fire colls and court cases reported during the past week:

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on the site, according to the two-story port.

The first floor of the two-story house was completely destroyed. Fire in the second story "seemed to put listelf out," according to the report. Fire investigators estimate damage to the house at \$100,000 and to the contents \$50,000. No one was fainted.

injured.

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A 1985 GMC Jimmy valued at \$9,000 was reported stolen from the parking lot at Rubens, Rubens, 30748 Grand River, Dec. 27, It was later recovered in Farmington Hills with steering column and ignition damage.

A diamond earring valued at \$900 was reported stolen from a house on White Hall Dec. 23.

A purse valued at \$55 with \$15 cash in it was reported stolen from Tally Hall, \$1005 Orchard Lake Road Dec. 8.

on the agenda

Below are highlights from igendas of government meetings his week. All meetings are spen this week. Al to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council Farmington Hills City Hall uncil Chambers 31555 11 Mile 7:30 p.m. Wednezday, Jan. 4

to select participants for task forces for the city's "Year 2000" plan.

Downtown Development Authority Farmington Council Chambers 23600 Liberty 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4 Plans are expected to be finalized for the second phase of the DDA's A special meeting has been called downtown streetscape project.

Hills fire recruits undergoing training

ment recruits are wen on the way.

Some 11 Farmington Hills residents and four Royal Oak Yownship residents and four Royal Oak Yownship residents are in the department's current class which will run through May, according to deputy fire chief Peter Baldwin. The Farmington Hills residents include: Deside Burrougha, Michael Kelly, Sharon Lawnon, John Pistko-Peter Poertner, Mary Potts, John Robinson, Todd Salley, Dean Schultz, David Sprayberry and William Wallace.

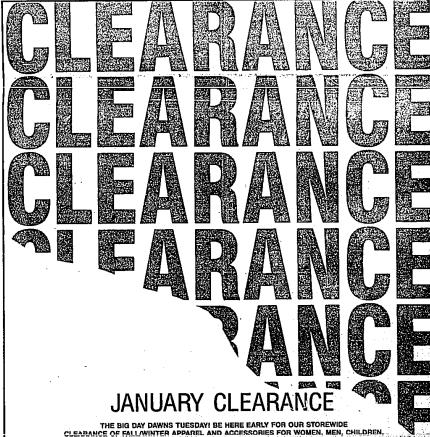
David Sprayberry and William Wallace.
The Royal Oak Township residents
are Carnelius Barnes, Glenn Berry,
Brian Hale and Michael Kasce.
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Trainees with Fireflighter I state certification, and will also teach them

completed their first-year of probation are:
Station 1: David Chrisco, David
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Station 2: William Malrocoey
and Lynn McDanlet,
Station 3: Fire Back.

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Probationary firefighters who have completed their first-year of proba



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