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STATE Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, has been getting used to the ways around Lansing since Jan. 1.

"It's been an exciting time," she told 50 business leaders at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce Eggs & Issues Breakfast Friday at the Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills. "It seems like longer than 10 months."

The reason, she said during a report on the Michigan Legislature and the business community, is the host of tough issues facing lawmakers.

She then rattled off a sample: crime, abortion, drug use, drunk driving, environmental concerns, school tax reform, workers compensation, jail space, consumer protection.

BACK on board. Gov. Blanchard has reappointed two Farmington Hills residents to state posts. Barbara Faudman-Wolk is a member of the physicians' assistant task force. The month Szezepank serves on the health occupations council.

Both reappointments are effective to Dec. 31, 1991, subject to state Senate confirmation.

## QUOTE of the week

6 We don't feel it's a joke.

— James Siskosky of the Farmington Football Backers, talking about Farmington High's losing record on the football field. Story: 1A.

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## 14 outlets cited in alcohol sales sting

By Casey Hans  
staff writer

Fourteen Farmington businesses — 58 percent of the businesses holding liquor licenses in the city — were ticketed for selling alcohol to minors during a police crackdown this month.

Public safety director Frank Lauhoff said businesses could expect similar police visits, more frequently, in the future.

The numbers showed improvement over a police liquor check in 1986, in which 74 percent of liquor-

related businesses sold alcohol to a police cadet. Police had hoped for better results during the most recent inspections, which occurred Oct. 5, 6 and 10. Twenty-six businesses were visited by one or two officers and an underage police cadet.

"We've seen some improvement, but I'm not happy," Lauhoff said. "I would like to see a much greater improvement."

THE BUSINESSES included all five of the city's bars, three party stores, two food stores and four drug stores. No restaurants were ticketed.

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— Frank Lauhoff  
Farmington public safety director

Individual employees selling the alcohol received misdemeanor tickets. The violations will be sent to the Michigan Liquor Control Commis-

sion for further action. The employees face court dates for the violation, which carries a penalty of up to 90 days in jail and a

\$500 fine. The businesses face whatever action the LCC deems necessary, depending on the previous record.

Those ticketed included: Old Village Inn, Rustic Pub, Page's Spirits, Bel-Aire Lanes, Dunleavy's Pub & Grub, Tweeney's, In & Out party store, the Sunkist party store, Kroger's, Stockers Market, Maple Village Drugs (Drakeshire Plaza), Arbor Drugs and the city's two Perry drugstores.

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## Improved I-696 open again — 2 months early

Motorists can now travel smoothly through Farmington Hills on an improved, eight-lane I-696 freeway, but could still encounter bottlenecks in Southfield until work is completed there in December.

The Hills portion of the freeway and an improved entrance ramp at Orchard Lake Road were opened amid much fanfare Tuesday — two months ahead of schedule — to the delight of city, county and state officials and commuters.

"This portion is just a prelude to the opening that will occur sometime in December. It's been a team effort," said Gary Taylor, chief construction engineer for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

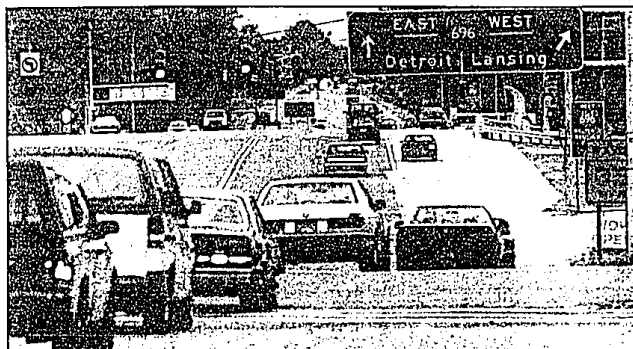
MDOT and local and state officials and community leaders gathered shortly after noon Tuesday for a ribbon-cutting ceremony on the

new, eight-lane Orchard Lake Road bridge.

One driver, apparently watching the festivities instead of the roadway, caused a property damage accident on the bridge before the ceremonies. It was quickly cleaned up.

MDOT OFFICIALS cautioned that eastbound drivers can expect some congestion where the four lanes of traffic will narrow to two at the east end of the project at Telegraph Road.

The \$21.5 million improvement to I-696 running for 8.5 miles from I-275 in Farmington Hills- Novi to Telegraph Road in Southfield is expected to be completed by Dec. 19. That's also when the 7.9-mile stretch of I-696 from Lahar Road to I-75 through eastern Oakland County is expected to be done.



This is a view of southbound Orchard Lake Road, south of 12 Mile. During a ribbon cutting at the eastbound I-696 entrance ramp about 1 p.m. Tuesday, Duane M. Hampton, 47, of Linden, became distracted for a moment and his

car hit the back of a car stopped for a red light at the eastbound I-696 exit ramp, pushing that car into the back of another stopped car, Farmington Hills police said. No one was hurt.

The four-lane freeway through Novi, Farmington Hills and Southfield — opened in 1983 — now carries an average 80,000 vehicles per day. The volume is projected to in-

crease to 125,000 within 20 years on the eight-lane road. "We couldn't be happier," said Farmington Hills City Manager William Costick.

Hills Mayor Terry Sever thanked the primary contractor, Dan Holloway of Wixom-based Holloway Con-

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## Success readies for peace march in Farmington

Anti-racist group has checked history, 10A  
Related views, 18-19A

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

Derwin Success will lead his Love Force United peace march for racial harmony this Sunday, drawing from his experience in Farmington while contemplating the future.

The walk is set to begin at 3:07 p.m. on the north sidewalk of Grand River and travel from Mooney to Liberty for more than a mile. It will end with a rally at the steps of Farmington City Hall until 6:07 p.m.

The number of his supporters is unknown. Success won't name them, and said they are reluctant to come forth because of a fear of social and economic reprisals.

"I want Farmington to be united

as one group of people," Success said recently.

Two years ago, almost 100 people came forth to assist the Successes, a biracial family, when their newly kept home on Shilawasee was defaced with symbols of the Ku Klux Klan, a swastika, racial slurs and obscene words, plus warnings to "get out," just before Christmas.

"I think people need to know that people still have these kind of feelings," said Dianna Success upon discovering the damage to her house in December 1987. "It's no good to the world, society or everybody."

Derwin, who is black, is married to Dianna, who is white and who has two children from a previous marriage.

THE VANDALISM occurred two months after the couple — Derwin Luther and Dianna Lee Success — filed for a legal name change from Derwin Ray Bryant and Diane Lynn



Derwin Success  
march organizer

Bryant, respectively. According to Kathy Alonzi of the Oakland County Probate Court estate division, Success filed the petition for himself and his wife Sept. 2, 1987, and the name-change order was entered Oct. 21, 1987.

Success gave four reasons for the change: "a life change; business advancement; I was named after a stepfather; and I want to," Alonzi

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## Neo-Nazis often use false names

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

John Reich, 35, the neo-Nazi who will lead a counterdemonstration to a peace march for racial harmony Sunday in Farmington, said in an interview Sept. 21 that his real name is John Moriarty.

Members of the S.S. Action Group, a division of the American Nazi Party, often use aliases, said Richard Lobenthal, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in Southfield.

There's no question it's Moriarty, Lobenthal said last week. Founder of the S.S. Action Group in 1978 after breaking away from the National Socialist movement, Moriarty said he has an "understanding" with the news media not to use his real name.

"There's no coverup," he said. Some group members use aliases to protect their families and as a safeguard against bomb threats, the Detroit resident said. He said he has muscular dystrophy.

IN SEPTEMBER 1981, Moriarty

and Ed Dunn, a.k.a. Mark Heydrich — acting as S.S. Action Group representatives — withdrew their request to rally at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City one week after they had the city's permission to use the gym.

After discovering the group misrepresented itself in filling out the use application, City Manager Cam Caldwell insisted that requirements be met by a designated deadline.

One requirement was that they use their real names. The names on the application form were John Reich and Mark Heydrich, listing the same address and phone number in Detroit. Then, as now, Lobenthal identified the two as John Moriarty and Ed Dunn, respectively.

The second requirement was that the group provide proof of its organization to avoid the earlier misrepresentation and a \$2,000 cash bond to cover possible damage to the center.

Rather than comply, the group withdrew the request.

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## Parents reinforce concerns about football program

By Casey Hans  
staff writer

A group of parents concerned about the Farmington High School football program will continue pressuring the district to improve the program as quickly as possible.

"We're going to go on and try to do anything we can. Right now, we're groping," said James Siskosky, spokesman for the Farmington Football Backers, a group of some 60 parents formed last spring.

"I don't think I've gotten a good feeling as to when we can see some

help. I'm not encouraged by what they've said to us."

There is also concern because of mixed messages the group said it received from the school board and high school administration — possibly forcing them back to the board for clarification.

"We're going to go on and try to do anything we can. Right now, we're groping," said James Siskosky, spokesman for the Farmington Football Backers Oct. 3 to discuss the concerns brought before the board of education the previous week.

**"We're going to communicate with each other, and we support each other and support the coach for the balance of the year."**

— Jerry Potter  
Farmington High principal

AT THE top of the parental list is hiring of a coach who teaches in the school and who can bring continuity

to the program. Currently, football coaches, and some in other sports, are not on the

Farmington High staff. Potter stressed that the school would not abandon the program, as parents had heard. He also said he hopes to maintain communication with the group through Dixon, who meets regularly with the school's booster club, which focuses on all sports. His plan is to get through the current school year, while making every effort to stabilize the coaching situation.

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