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OPEN housing. In a resolution adopted Feb. 20, Mayor Jean Fox and the Farmington Hills City Council supported the mission of the new Oakland County Center for Open Housing, 37935 W. 12 Mile. That mission, according to the resolution, is "to build community understanding and support for fair and open housing and to achieve a stable and integrated housing process in Oakland County." The resolution calls on people to "avail themselves of the choice of where they wish to live and utilize the services and amenities offered."

MONDAY is the last day to enter the I.D. (Identify Downtown) Contest. Entry forms are at the offices of the Farmington Downtown Development Authority, 33411 Grand River, and the Farmington Observer, 21888 Farmington Road. The contest challenges entrants to identify photographs of specific parts of 12 downtown Farmington buildings. Prizes will be awarded next Wednesday — Downtown Day in Farmington.

QUOTE of the week

6 If someone breaks the law, it's our job to prosecute.

— Eric Kalsner, prosecutor for the Southeast Michigan Conspiracy Organization, a regional drug law enforcement agency. Story: 15A.

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Hills man awaits trial on drug charges

By Bob Sklar
staff writer

A Farmington Hills man who once served time for conspiring to smuggle heroin faces new federal charges of heroin conspiracy and possession. Richard Allen Wakefield, 43, is scheduled to stand trial before U.S. District Judge Barbara J. Hackett of Detroit April 3. A Feb. 6 federal grand jury indictment charges him with:

- one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, as well as the act of distributing heroin/second offense (carries a minimum 20 years to life in prison penalty and a \$8 million fine; no chance of parole).

• two counts of possessing heroin with intent to distribute (carries a penalty of up to 30 years in prison and a \$2 million fine).

• one count of attempt to possess with intent to distribute heroin (carries a minimum 10 years to life in prison penalty and a \$4 million fine; no chance of parole).

Wakefield pleaded not guilty at his U.S. District Court arraignment. He is being held without bond in the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

ON JAN. 16, a federal drug enforcement

task force arrested Wakefield at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. He had a half ounce of heroin and \$128,000 in cash in his possession, said detective Patrick Monti, Farmington Hills Police Department narcotics officer.

Armed with a tip from an informant and a search warrant signed by District Judge Fred Harris of Farmington, Farmington Hills police raided Wakefield's home, near Orchard Lake Road and 10 Mile, on Dec. 22.

They seized 1 ounce of pure heroin, a half ounce of cut heroin and a quarter pound of marijuana and more than \$5,000 in cash. The heroin had a street value of more than \$80,000.

The marijuana had a street value of about \$250, Monti said.

Police also seized \$20,000 worth of jewelry they hope to keep under a state law that lets them keep property they believe had been bought with drug transaction proceeds. Seized property is converted to cash for use in drug enforcement and drug education.

DISTRICT JUDGE Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington signed an arrest warrant Jan. 24 charging Wakefield with possession with intent

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On camera

Tony Gallucci, a member of the video crew from FilmCraft Video in Farmington Hills, sets up a shot before the start of a live fire department training burn Monday in Farm-

ington Hills. Gallucci was set up near the trees to obscure him from the other cameras that were operating at the scene. For the story and more pictures, see Page 3A.

Serious crime up 7% in Hills

Farmington stats, 3A

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Serious crimes in Farmington Hills increased more than 7 percent in 1989, with armed robberies taking the lead as freeways previously under construction reopened.

"Over 90 percent of our armed robberies are committed by people outside the city. Robberies had shown a significant decline in 1988 compared to past years. I attributed that decline to construction of various freeways into the city — I-696 and the Lodge," police Chief William Dwyer said.

In 1989, serious crime increased 7.3 percent, a turnaround from 1988 when it decreased 7.4 percent. Serious criminal incidents in 1989 totaled 3,258 compared to 3,036 in 1988.

Serious crimes are murder, criminal sexual assault, robbery, aggra-

'More people also are becoming aware. They are locking their vehicles. More people are getting the anti-theft equipment installed in their autos.'
— William Dwyer, police chief

vated assault, burglary, larceny, auto theft and arson.

Larcenies and arsons joined robberies on the 1989 upward trend. Decreases were seen in incidents of criminal sexual conduct, aggravated assault and burglary.

Increases in the city's overall population as well as the daytime population contributed to increased larcenies. "There's no surprise here that increases of this sort (larcenies) would occur," Dwyer said.

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Defendants indict anti-drug crusade

related story, 15A

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

A recent round of convictions on criminal drug charges has more to do with public relations than with drugs, say some of those charged and their attorneys.

The defendants, many from Oakland and Wayne county suburbs, were charged last November with cocaine conspiracy.

Most have since pleaded guilty to possession. Many have not used drugs since, and no drugs have even been confiscated from any of them, according to court records.

'The message is loud and clear. Users are being prosecuted in a fashion that says they are just as responsible for drug importing as drug importers.'
— James C. Thomas, defense attorney

There were three reasons for the arrests, said the attorney for a 32-year-old Birmingham woman who pleaded guilty.

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Irish luck to color local celebrations of St. Paddy's Day

By Noreen Flack
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The green of St. Patrick's Day will show up throughout the Farmington area Saturday as store and tavern owners boast of "the Luck O' the Irish" on their busiest day of the year.

Cowley's Old Village Inn, 33538 Grand River in Farmington, will offer the best of Irish tunes.

Sons of Erin, a three-man Irish band from the Canadian province of Newfoundland, will play from 8 p.m. Friday to 2 a.m. Saturday and again from 5 p.m. Saturday to 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

"It will be shillelaghs and shenanigans," said John Cowley, owner. "It's always a big day here, but everybody's welcome."

John and Marie Cowley are both from a small village, Carlo, in County Carlow, near Dublin. Marie was born in Flint, but moved to Carlo when she was 4. John was born in Carlo, where he and Marie grew up.

In 1949, the couple moved to Detroit.

"I haven't seen a Paddy's Day in Ireland in over 40 years, but I do go home every August," John Cowley said. "I would like to be back home," he added. "I hope someday I'll be home for Paddy's Day."

The Cowleys' homestyle Irish ways reflect the family atmosphere of the Farmington pub they've owned for 18 years. They will serve corned beef and cabbage Saturday.

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Mary and John Cowley and son Patrick at Cowley's Old Village Inn in downtown Farmington.