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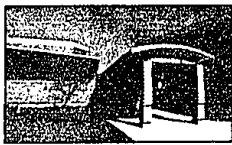
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STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Brand new: The new Family Center at Our Lady of Sorrows was dedicated this past Sunday. For a story and more photos, please turn to page A9.

OPINION

Continuing: It's time Detroit Edison told the public what it plans to do about power outages in the Farmington area. /A12

COMMUNITY LIFE

Two women, one battle: A Farmington Hills production specialist is honored for raising breast cancer awareness. Her friend, a Farmington comic who has raised thousands of dollars for Gilda's Club, now fights her own cancer battle. /B1

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Edison gets zapped again

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Both Farmington Hills and Oakland County gave Detroit Edison some jolts

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Thursday night.
Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said the city is going to meet with Edison officials in the next couple of weeks to get a specific timetable on when repeated power outages and other electrical problems will be fixed. And Terry Sever, former Hills councilman and current county commissioner, said the county will be hiring a consultant to look into the situation.

The planned session stems from Thursday night's meeting between 15 representatives of the public electric utility — including several engineers — and the Farmington Hills/Detroit Edison Citizens Committee, at which Edison was roundly criticized. Vagnozzi, angry and frustrated, told the Edison people their company is "in complete denial that they have a problem."

"We need repair crews and they send out a PR crew," he said.

Sever said the problem needs to be brought to the attention of higher-ups at

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Man charged in abduction attempt

■ A Clinton Township man faces a charge in connection with the alleged attempted abduction of a 15-year-old girl Sunday.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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The actions of an alert, defensive and brave 15-year-old girl helped the Farmington Hills Police Department Sunday quickly apprehend a man who allegedly attempted to abduct her.

She provided police with a detailed description of his vehicle, including the license plate number. She also provided a detailed description of the attacker, including his speech, which she described as slightly broken English with an accent she could not place.

Artor Shyllaky, 26 of Clinton Township, was arraigned Tuesday before Judge Fred Harris at Farmington Hills 47th District Court on one charge of assault with intent to kidnap, a possible 10-year felony. Harris ordered the man held on \$500,000 cash surety bond at the Oakland County Jail and have a global positioning tether monitoring his movements.

The girl is doing fairly well, said Farmington Hills Detective Rose Mack-



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRADLEY

Arraigned: Attorney Harold Gayer turns toward defendant Artor Shyllaky during Tuesday's arraignment.

The victim and her parents have

refused comment on the case, citing privacy concerns and the desire to put the incident behind them.

Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Sarah Pope-Starnes said a high bond was warranted because of the victim's age, the seriousness of the crime and because of Shyllaky's flight risk.

"(Shyllaky) tried to drag her into a car to kidnap her," Pope-Starnes said, adding that he has "few ties" to the community and travels frequently between Michigan and New York. He has lived in the United States for about three years, is not a resident alien and does not have a Social Security number or a job. He is originally from Albania.

Shyllaky's attorney Harold Gayer said he was unfamiliar with the facts of the case.

"He denies the incident even happened," Gayer said, adding Shyllaky has no criminal record. "We think the bond should be set at a reasonable amount."

The 15-year-old victim's name is being withheld because she is a juvenile.

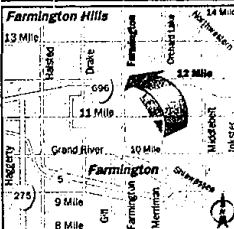
Shyllaky's next court date is Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 47th District Court.

Farmington Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer said the girl's alertness was key to Shyllaky's capture within only a few hours.

"We certainly give her credit for her

Attempted abduction

A 15-year-old Farmington Hills girl narrowly avoided being abducted Sunday afternoon by a 26-year-old Clinton Township man, who was arraigned Tuesday in Farmington's 47th District Court. She ended off three repeated attempts by the man.



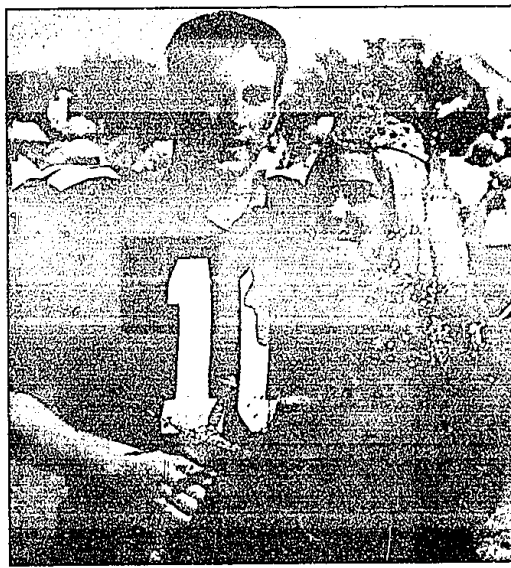
quick action," Dwyer said. "The excellent description and information she was able to provide allowed us to work very quickly. She's a very fortunate young lady who could have been a victim of a very serious assault."

Dwyer said there is no indication the

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FUGAL POINT STUDIO

Crowned: Harrison High School's 1999 Homecoming Queen Lisa Rosemary (above at left) is escorted by Caleb Smith. Above at right is Katie Wolk, North Farmington's Homecoming Queen, escorted by King Brian Lafer.

Homecoming

North and Harrison celebrate royalty

Homecoming spirit is alive and well, judging from various activities last week at Harrison and North high schools.

"Looking Backward at the Decade and Forward to the New Millennium" was the theme of Harrison's home-

coming parade and dance, both held Saturday.

Class floats went along with the theme. Freshmen put together an entry featuring a flying Hawk, to symbolize success from the past century. Sophomores parlayed a Satur-

day Night Live disco theme to celebrate. Juniors focused on NASA astronauts' famous 1969 trip to the moon while the senior class entry (judged the best of the entries) combined the history of Motown music and the automobile to "represent

their spirit and our dominance," according to the halftime script.

The week-long school celebration concluded with the Homecoming dance and introduction of the 1999

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Candidate values his civic duty

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Civic duty is taking on a literal meaning where James Mitchell is concerned.

Mitchell, who is vying for re-election to the Farmington City Council in the Nov. 2 general election, calls the city's recent purchase of the Civic Theatre his biggest contribution to council during the four years he's been on it.

And if he is successful at the polls and wins either a four- or two-year term, his main priority will be making sure the Grand River landmark remains the "shining jewel" the community considers it to be.

"If we didn't believe this was going to



pay for itself and then some, we never would have bought it," said Mitchell, an attorney who describes himself as frugal.

"If it fails, we'll sell it. But I don't think it's going to fail."

That confidence is based on the council's July hiring of M.K.A. Inc. to manage the Civic — a decision that followed months of investigation.

M.K.A., proven in the movie theater business, was selected because it is a known, successful commodity. Had the city opened up bids for the hiring of a management company, explained Mitchell, "It could have damaged our

ability to purchase" and renovate the theater in the best way for Farmington.

"We needed to know in advance, 'What's going to happen after we buy this theater?'"

According to Mitchell, ending his second two-year council stint, former owner Greg Hohler "could have sold the property to anyone" but instead approached city officials about whether they had any interest in a deal.

"We spent a lot of time investigating this — we didn't just do it off the top of our head," Mitchell said. "Are we putting our own political heads on the line? I think so. I recognize that. But at the same time, I don't think I would



Jim Mitchell

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