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OUR TOWNS

Detours in place for some voters

BY PAUL R. PACE
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The city of Farmington Hills is announcing alternative routes to three precincts that are undergoing nearby road construction during the Aug. 6 primary election.

About 7,000 letters announcing the route changes or suggestions will go out to affected registered voters before the election, said Clerk Kathryn Dorman.

The precincts affected are:

- Precinct 11, for residents in the Highmeadow Common Campus area. It is suggested to take Middlebelt Road between 12 and 13 Mile roads, take Highmeadow west off of Middlebelt to Summerwood, turn right. Take Summerwood north to Highmeadow, about one block, turn left. The school is located on the south side of Highmeadow.
- Precinct 14: The Alameda

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Elementary School area. There is no access to Alameda or Power Road via 10 or 11 Mile Roads. This access is completely closed to traffic. The alternative route is from Orchard Lake between 10

and 11 Mile, take Alameda west off of Orchard Lake approximately one-half mile to Alameda School located on the north side of Alameda.

- Precinct 16: Hillside Elementary School area. From Drake Road, take to either 12 Mile Road or Grand River, go west to Halsted. Take Halsted Road to 11 Mile Road, go east. The school is located on the south side of 11 Mile Road, just beyond the intersection of Hunt Club

PLEASE SEE LOCATIONS, A4

Degree earned

Ellen Adams, a 1998 graduate of Farmington High School, recently graduated summa cum laude from Tufts University in Medford, Mass. She earned a BS in civil engineering and was a member of Tau Beta Pi, an honorary engineering society. She was also a four year member of the women's cross country and track teams, holding the school record for 1,000 meter indoor.

Adams will be a teaching assistant in the engineering department this fall at the University of Colorado at Boulder as she pursues a master's degree in civil engineering with an emphasis on structural engineering.

Miller honored

Danielle Miller of Farmington Hills accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Central Michigan University.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1924, NSCS recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically.

The Society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform service.

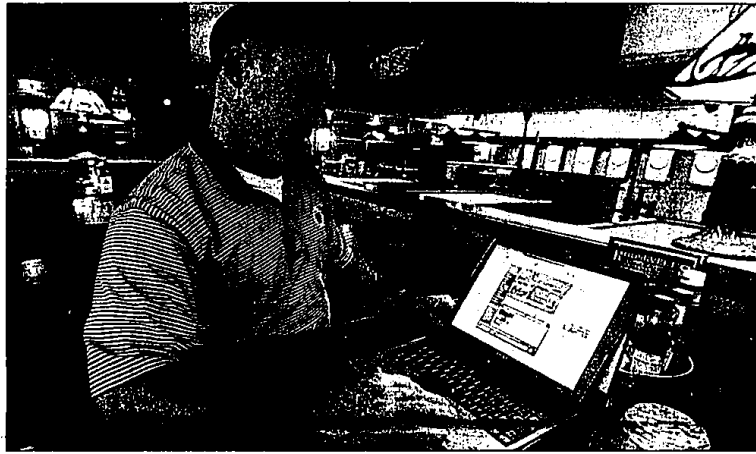
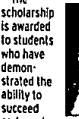
Miller will graduate in 2005 with a major in biology and minor in chemistry, media design, production and technology.

Guisbert wins

Kelsey Guisbert, daughter of Edgar and Gretchen Guisbert of Farmington, was awarded the Endowed Scholarship Award from Hope College.

The scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated the ability to succeed and excel academically as indicated by both standardized test scores and high school grade point average.

These awards are worth between \$6,000-\$8,000.



Roosevelt's offers free Internet

BY PAUL R. PACE
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Wireless Internet access is now available for free to customers in Roosevelt's Billiards Bar and Grill in Farmington Hills.

Owner Bill Gilre, who has been heavily involved in the technology field, said the idea is to get on the fast track of what he foresees as the future: wireless Internet connections offered to laptop and handheld computer users in highly populated buildings, such as airports, hotels and conference centers.

"I thought it would be beneficial to get ahead of the curve," he said inside the bar, where he showed his own laptop hooked to the Internet - minus any wires.

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PLEASE SEE ROOSEVELT'S, A4

Roosevelt's owner Bill Gilre demonstrates wireless web access.

Driver in fatal will face trial

BY PAUL R. PACE
STAFF WRITER

One of the drivers charged with causing the traffic death of an elderly Farmington Hills couple on April 19 was bound over for trial in Oakland County Circuit Court Tuesday.

Police say Brandon Dolly of West Bloomfield was drag racing in his black Camaro with a 16-year-old Farmington Hills boy, whose red Camaro struck the victims' car. Dolly will have a trial before Judge Steven Andrews on two counts of homicide-manslaughter with a motor vehicle, a 15-year felony, sometime in September.

No trial date was set.

According to Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer, witnesses told police that drag racing was taking place before the accident on Orchard Lake south of 14 Mile. Studies of the red Camaro showed it crashed into the couple's car in excess of 80 mph.

Killed in the accident were

PLEASE SEE DELLY, A4

Officials express shock over attorney Donohue's death; services set Wednesday

BY JOHN HUBBARD
STAFF WRITER

City officials in Farmington and Farmington Hills reacted with shock and sadness Friday at the unexpected death of city attorney John Donohue.

Donohue, 62, served as city attorney for both communities. He became ill while golfing in South Lyon. According to family members, he was leaving the driving range when he collapsed.

Hills councilman Barry Brickner said Donohue will be deeply missed among city officials.

"He was one of the best municipal lawyers in the area," he said. "He was a good person. He represented our city well for many years. It's going to be hard to fill that spot. He was the guy who looked out after us for many years."

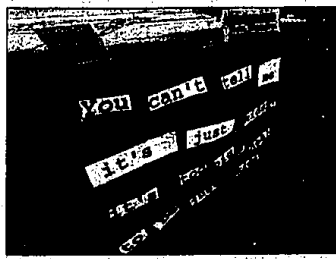
Brickner said the long-time attorney recently expressed appreciation that city officials had attended services for Donohue's

father, John, who died at the age of 84 on July 27.

Hills councilwoman Vicki Barnett was stunned and saddened at the news. She described her level of praise for Donohue as "legend."

"He was a good listener, a great counselor, a personal friend and a man I respected tremendously, who carried with him so much institutional knowledge about this

PLEASE SEE DONAHUE, A5



Sign thief leaves Brady a message

Jim Brady got an unwelcome surprise Friday morning on his front lawn.

The 47th District Court magistrate and candidate for judge for the Farmington area court said he found someone had put in about 25 of his campaign signs on his front yard during the night and also a pink sign that resembled a ransom note facing his home.

The note pulled his quote from Thursday's Observer story about

judge candidates complaining about their campaign signs being stolen or destroyed. The quote is, "You can't tell me it's just kids - it's too big a deal to be just kids."

Brady said he filed a police report. A number of primary candidates have reported sign thefts and damage. On Friday, judicial candidate Alan Vosko brought damaged signs into the Observer office.

They had been torn and removed from their metal posts.

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Looking something like a ransom note, Jim Brady's quote from the Farmington Observer was posted among the returned lawn signs.

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