



Valiant warriors

These two members of the Harrison Hawks show the exertion of trying to beat Midland

Down at the Silverdome. For a look at the fans, see page 3A. (Staff photo by Harry Matthe)

Highway group breezes through 9 amendments

By JUDITH BERNE

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) holding the possible extension of the highway program will be held in the office of the state highway department.

Added to the appointment of temporary chairman Van Dyke in the office of the state highway department. The group will be held through nine amendments to the program and plan for a highway program in the state highway department.

The committee also decided it would not meet during December and January.

At the present time, the committee is studying amendments to the program.

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Healthy children given swine flu vaccine Dec. 8

Some six clinics will meet in the Farmington area this month and in January.

The Michigan Department of Health Department officials recommends that children between three and 14 years old receive two shots of swine flu vaccine.

A free clinic for children is scheduled for North Farmington High School, 12990 West Northfield, Dec. 8 between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

A clinic will give the second shot in the children's series Jan. 12 at North Farmington High School.

Healthy children as well as the chronically ill should receive the shots according to Adelle Williams, Chief of Health Education for the Oakland County Health Department.

The very young under six months to two-year-olds who have chronic illnesses such as cerebral palsy or asthma should be immunized.

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Force takes 2d look at its recommendations

By LOUISE OBRUTSKY

Parents of students attending Eagle Elementary School can pan their Fairview and Ten Mile counterparts in wondering if their children will be transferred to another facility within the next two years.

The Farmington School District's Task Force on Declining Enrollments is second look at its recommendations. Monday, it suggested that the Farmington school board look at closing either Fairview or Eagle during the 1979-80 school year.

Ten Mile Elementary has been suggested for closing during the 1977-78 school year.

The force will present its recommendations to the school board at an open study session, Dec. 11 in the Harrison High School auditorium, 2995 W. Twelve Mile at 7:30 p.m.

Although Eagle, which houses orthopedic students, had been considered of limited value by the force, it came out of a recommendation because of its location on Hartman Hill Road, makes it a possible commercial property.

If we close Fairview, we're left with a school without resale value," Hecker said. If we close Eagle we could have a property with more commercial value.

Closing Fairview would save us \$119,000 but we'd be left with a building without commercial value," he said.

If Eagle could be sold, the district could recoup the money spent on building classrooms for orthopedic students at Grace according to Hecker.

The recommendation that the board consider two alternatives for the 1979 closing stemmed from the uncertainty of a venture into real estate.

No one has offered to buy Eagle Elementary, said Superintendent Lewis Schumann.

There are no negotiations with West Bloomfield for the building. The Farmington District Courts are interested in school building, but they may want one closer to the city," he said.

OTHER FUNDS would be obtained through the district's building and site plan. Schumann speculated.

The most we can expect from the county is the gross building program," said Graham Lewis, director of special education.

That would be \$200,000 plus fees and supplies and not much beyond that," he said.

William Grace Elementary School was chosen as a potential replacement for the Eagle orthopedic facility because it is on Middle Road and is expected to have the space for the facilities according to the force.

WERE NOT WASTING money if we metball Eagle for a year," suggested task force member Richard Wallace. He had to spend \$100,000 just to protect a school that may not be used for two to three years down the road," Wallace said.

Force members were concerned about the possibility that Fairview would close open for only a few years in order to do declining enrollment in the area. The district would then find itself coping with an empty school in a suburban anyway.

Further closures would be four to five years away," explained Larry Friedman, a plant superintendent. At this point, naming which schools would be closed

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Fire kills animals, damages pet store

Farmington Hills fire department officials say that power housekeeping in the Kanne Horners and Friends pet store caused a burning fire which dragged 25 firemen into the freezing night early Monday evening.

The black sooty fire, which from the street seemed more heat and smoke than blaring inferno, claimed no human lives or injuries. All the animals in the store died, however, including a dog valued at more than \$1,000, said Gave Gole of Oak Park, vice of store owner Marti Gold.

Farmington Hills Fire Chief John Van de Voort said the fire department had spotted the store as a potential fire hazard last week when the Consumers Power Co. called the department after receiving a complaint from two employees who were having trouble staying conscious in the back room.

A power company investigator turned up a leaking heat exchanger on the roof of the building which pumped monoxide into the store.

An investigator for the Hills fire department, Fire Marshal William Gearhart, found that the back room was littered with boxes and other combustible materials. Van de Voort said.

Gold opened the store six weeks ago in

a shipping center just south of Thirteen Mile Road was not available for comment.

There are no accurate dollar estimates of the damage at this time.

Chief Van de Voort ruled out arson as a probable cause. "There's nothing to indicate it was a suspicious fire," he said.

TOM LAINGDON, the owner of the strip of shops which includes Kanne Horners, said that the heating unit had been turned off since the report of monoxide gas and that the unit was scheduled for repair. He was unaware until the day after the fire that the back room was a fire hazard.

Despite a windy factor of minus 17, a dozen people gawked from the side of a neighboring Burger King as firemen worked from 8:30 p.m. The three alarm fire brought two engine trucks, the fire department medical unit, an ambulance from the Farmington Hill Ambulance Co. and a ladder truck to the scene.

Firemen donned gas masks and pulled a hose through the broken front door as they crouched beneath the smoke toward the back of the store. "They did a real nice job of getting in there," said Chief Van de Voort.



Farmington Hills firemen prepare to enter the pet store and search for the fire at the back of the store.

Shopping season is off to a slow start

By HOWARD RONTAL

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