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Relief sought for bottleneck on main road

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If all goes as planned, by 1990 traffic on the presently congested Orchard Lake Road from Grand River north to 11 Mile Road should be flowing smoothly.

A revised plan has moved the project one step closer to completion. The city councils of Farmington and Farmington Hills have approved a joint resolution outlining the project and requesting the Oakland County Road Commission to seek the necessary county and federal funds.

The revised plan calls for a reduction of the original five-lane plan and will reduce project costs about 40 percent, from \$3.5 million to about \$2 million, according to Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman.

Both councils approved the joint resolution at their respective meetings this week.

The resolution represents a move by the two cities "to get a project going for a significant improvement on Orchard Lake Road," said William Costick, Hills' city manager.

Plans were first prepared for the widening and improvement of Orchard Lake Road in the middle and late 1970s.

THE ORIGINAL PLAN, prepared by the Oakland County Road Commission, called for a continuous five lanes on Orchard Lake Road from Grand River north to 11 Mile Road.

The cost of the project was estimated at \$3.5 million, says Deadman. Because the improvements did not move forward, the mayor of Farmington and members of the Hills' city council met in May to re-evaluate the proposed improvements.

"One of the major problems with the design of this roadway was right-of-way acquisition costs which could have exceeded one million dollars," Deadman said in his report to the Farmington City Council.

The revised plan calls for: reducing the original five lane cross section to three lanes between 11 Mile and Ten Mile Roads; five lanes between 10 Mile and Fink Street; and a variation between four and three lanes between Fink Street and Grand River.

"We came up with what we think is a low-cost but effective proposal," Costick said of the plan.

The Oakland County Road Commission will present the resolution to the county's Urban Systems Task Force for consideration of funding, as soon as federal monies become available for Oakland County, said Deadman.

"If it is approved, the task force will assign it a priority — hopefully a high priority," Deadman said. The county road commission submits projects for federal monies according to their priority.

The cost of the road improvements are "shared," and are funded through federal, county and city monies, said Deadman.

"It's difficult for the county to come up with money under current state legislation which limits the amount of funding which can be used for improving roads," Deadman said.

FUNDING THE \$2 million road improvement project breaks down this way: 75 percent of the costs from federal monies; 12.5 percent from the county; the balance of 12.5 percent from the communities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, according to Deadman.

Farmington Hills would fund a majority of the 12.5 percent because of the long stretch of Orchard Lake Road running through that community, said Deadman.

Farmington Hills would fund 100 percent of the improvements costs for the stretch of Orchard Lake running from 11 Mile to 10 Mile Road. They would also fund 25 percent of the improvements from 10 Mile to Grand

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The second time around

Kelly Lynn Garver, who won the Miss Farmington title in 1981, took the title again in the 1985 Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant staged last night in Vladimir's, giving her a second try for the Miss Michigan crown. The Auburn-haired

and brown-eyed beauty won the title this year the same way she did four years ago, with a striking figure, a vivacious personality, and extraordinary talent on the violin.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Child drowns in pool

By Julie Brown
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Despite efforts by a Farmington Hills police officer, a 2-year-old Livonia child drowned late Tuesday afternoon in a swimming pool at a Farmington Hills home.

The child, Justin Welt, was found by his mother floating face down in a pool at the home of Diane and Bill Harwell, 26800 Rutledge Crossing, where they were visiting.

Among the first to respond to the scene was Officer Michael Farley who administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

According to Police Chief William Dwyer, officers were called to the scene at about 5:23 p.m.

Dwyer said the child's mother, Terry Welt, 29, of Livonia told Farmington Hills officers that she had not seen Justin for about 20 minutes.

SHE WENT to the second floor of the home to see if the child was playing there.

"She was unable to locate him," Dwyer said.

Terry Welt apparently looked out a window and saw the youngster floating in the pool.

"They ran outside with the homeowner. They did remove the victim from the pool."

The pool is an in-ground type in a fenced area, the police chief said.

Justin was taken to Botsford General Hospital.

Also responding to the scene were the fire department and Community EMS.

School administrators forge 2-year pact

By Jean Adamczak
staff writer

During the next two years, the Farmington School District will pay approximately \$110,000 in salary increases to its administrators.

The Farmington Board of Education last week ratified a two-year contract with the Farmington Association of School Administrators (FASA), calling for a 5 1/2-percent salary increase the first year and a 5-percent increase the second year of the agreement.

Board members approved the contract with FASA by a 5-0 vote at the July 8 board of education meeting. Board members Jack Cotton and James Abernethy were absent.

Based on the current number of school administrators in the district (42), the 5 1/2-percent increase will cost the school district approximately \$110,000 the first year, said Robert Coleman, director of personnel and employee relations for the district.

The second year of the contract, calling for a 5-percent salary increase be-

ginning July 1, 1988, will cost the school district about \$100,000, he said.

Board negotiators met with FASA members three times before both sides agreed to the terms of the contract, said Coleman.

"As long as everybody is fair about things negotiations like this are usually quick," he said.

SPOKESPERSONS for FASA were unavailable for comment on the contract, but district Superintendent Lewis Schulman said he was satisfied with the agreement.

"We have a fine administrative staff, and I'm pleased we have reached an amicable agreement among all parties concerned," Schulman said.

Under the contract, administrators are broken down into six categories. Within each category, pay is rated on a scale of one to seven years of experience.

In the first year of the agreement high school principals are paid \$55,574 at the first level and \$58,574 at seven years. In the second year, the range is from \$58,403 to \$59,403.

High school assistant principals with one year of administrative experience are paid \$48,927 the first year and \$51,927 if they have seven years experience. Salaries for the second year of the contract range from \$51,533 to \$54,533 for high school assistant principals.

Middle school principals with one year of administrative experience will make \$49,444 the first year and \$52,444 for seven years experience. The salaries for the second year range from \$52,066 to \$55,066.

IN THE FIRST year of the agreement assistant middle school principals are paid \$45,333 at the first level and \$48,333 at seven years. In the second year, the salaries range from \$47,750 to \$50,750.

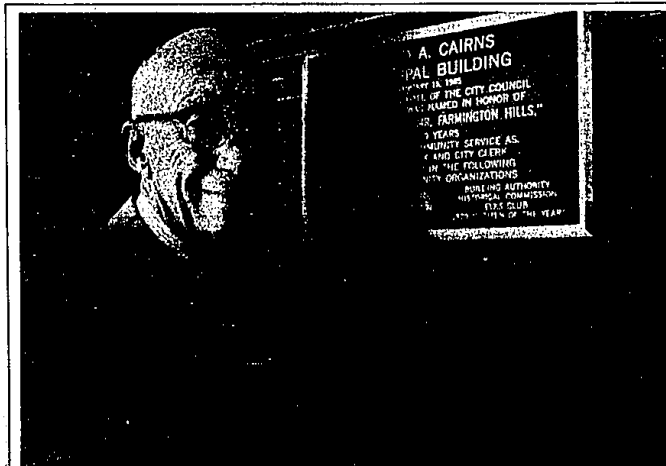
Elementary principals and directors with one year of experience are paid \$47,681 the first year and increased to

\$50,215 the second year of the contract. Elementary administrators with seven years of experience are paid \$50,681 the first year and \$53,215 the second year.

High school administrative assistants with one year of experience are paid \$42,168 the first year and \$44,423 the second year of the contract. Those with seven years experience are paid \$45,168 the first year and \$47,423 the second year.

A majority of administrators in the Farmington district have seven years of administrative experience and fall under the maximum level of pay, according to Coleman.

The administrators contract was the third of four ratified by the board this year. The bus drivers' contract which expired on July 1 has been temporarily extended until bargaining can continue in September, said Coleman.



Floyd Cairns, "Mr. Farmington Hills," was honored Monday at a dedication ceremony for the Floyd A. Cairns Municipal Building.

City honors clerk

By Julie Brown
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"Mr. Farmington Hills" — former City Clerk Floyd Cairns — was honored Monday night by city council members, city employees and guests.

"I certainly appreciate it, it's a big honor," Cairns said Monday at the dedication ceremony for the Floyd A. Cairns Municipal Building. "I don't know if I deserve it, but I hope I do."

"I'm sure my family's going to appreciate it all for many years to come," he told those attending the ceremony.

City council members in January approved a resolution naming the building for Cairns. The dedication ceremony for the building was held Monday.

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