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VIEWING the stock market, up close

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce will host a general membership luncheon Thursday, May 22, at Ginopolis Restaurant, 27815 Middlebelt.

Newton Zinker, senior vice president and stock market analyst at E. F. Hutton, will be the guest speaker.

The cost is \$10 per person for the 12:30 p.m. luncheon. For reservations, call the chamber, 474-3440.

CONSIDER giving blood, the gift of life.

An American Red Cross Blood Services bloodmobile will be in Farmington Hills from 2-8 p.m. Monday, May 12, at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 26850 LaMunara. For an appointment, call Lillian Schuehle, 474-8782.

Anyone between 17 and 70 in good health and who weighs at least 110 pounds is eligible to donate blood. "There is no risk to the donor of contracting any infectious disease through donating blood. A new, sterile needle is used for each donor, and then that needle is discarded," says Red Cross spokeswoman Toni Wilson.

SHE'S honored.

Almeda Lima of Farmington was honored at the Schoolcraft College employee recognition luncheon.

She retired from the food service staff of the Livonia community college.

REMINDER: This is Michigan Nurse Week.

The week's theme is "Nurses: Different Roles, Same Goals." The Michigan Nurses Association, the professional association for registered nurses, is sponsoring the observance.

IT'S almost Pomp and Circumstance time.

The Farmington Board of Education approved a list of 888 graduating high school seniors from the Class of '88 this week, including 286 from Farmington, 288 from Harrison and 314 from North Farmington.

In addition, 14 adult graduates are scheduled to receive diplomas through the Community Education program in June.

OVERSEAS scholar.

North Farmington High School math teacher Greg Grodzicki will travel to Wales as a Fulbright exchange teacher this year.

In exchange, a student from Wales will come to North Farmington, according to Farmington school officials.

Upon Grodzicki's return, he will resume his teaching position.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week.

Gordon Lewis has been suspended without pay from his position as Farmington Community Library director. Lewis' suspension followed a four-hour closed meeting Thursday (May 2, 1985) of the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees. Trustees voted unanimously at that meeting to suspend Lewis from his duties as library director.

Hills eyes 1-mill hike for roads

By Joanna Mallazewski staff writer

Farmington Hills officials are considering adoption of a proposed \$19.5 million 1988-89 budget financed by 9.8 mills — a 1-mill increase over the current levy.

The proposed 1-mill tax increase — devoted entirely for road improvements — will increase the current 8.8-mill city tax rate to 9.8 mills if city officials adopt the proposed 1988-89 budget. The proposed 9.8 mills brings the total city's tax rate

Road improvement proposal detailed: 12A.

close to the 10-mill charter limit. The budget's adoption is scheduled for Monday, June 9.

In a 6-1 vote Monday, council adopted a resolution of intent to raise taxes. Councilman Donn Wolf opposed the resolution. "My position has always been . . . I will only consider a tax increase if the people vote on it," Wolf said.

As required by state law, a Truth-in-Taxation public hearing has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, in council chambers, 31555 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Residents may also comment during the hearing on the city's proposed general fund and federal revenue sharing budgets.

The Truth-in-Taxation hearing is required because one mill in 1988-87 will generate about 4 percent more revenue than a mill did last year because the city's state equalized valuation (SEV) has increased, Finance Director Charles Rosch said.

Lewis to guide schools

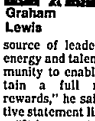
By Casey Hans staff writer

Graham Lewis said Tuesday he was "delighted" and will "definitely accept" the offer to become Farmington school district's superintendent effective July 1.

With trustee James Abernethy absent, the school board voted 8-0 Tuesday to offer Lewis the position. Lewis, 53, has served as interim superintendent since January.

"I'm thrilled by the opportunity to serve as Farmington's superintendent," Lewis said, amidst much back-slapping and congratulations.

"The superintendentcy is the means by which the human resource of leadership can drive the energy and talent of a staff and community to enable all children to attain a full measure of life's rewards," he said in a career objective statement listed on his resume. It is a great responsibility that I am now ready to meet."



THE NATIVE of Cardiff, Wales, began his educational career in Farmington in 1972 as director of special education. He was promoted in 1980 to assistant superintendent of special education services. Lewis

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User fee plan spurs debate

By Joanna Mallazewski and Casey Hans staff writers

Recent state legislation will force telephone-using consumers to shoulder nearly \$1 million per year to initiate and maintain Oakland County's proposed Enhanced 911 emergency phone network.

The system needs \$936,000 to implement and an additional \$17,887 per year to maintain the Oakland County network, according to local officials.

Customers will pay an estimated 16.25 cents per month "telephone emergency charge" on their phone bills because of Public Act 32 passed this year, according to an administrative report presented Monday at Farmington Hills and Farmington city councils.

The charge may not exceed 2 per-

'I think that (the E-911 user fee plan) reeks. I really do. I don't like all these little things being added to phone bills.'

— Joan Dudley, councilwoman

cent of the highest monthly base rate charged by Michigan Bell Telephone. Any cost excess would be borne by Oakland County or local municipalities.

The issue unexpectedly generated debate among Farmington Hills council members when Councilwoman

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Super Saturday



RIK SMITH/staff photographer

FACET — Farmington Association for Children with Exceptional Talent — celebrated Gifted Child Week Saturday, May 3, by sponsoring a Super Saturday Extravaganza hosted at Farmington High School. Guest speakers, student displays, student workshops and re-

freshments were all the order of the day. Pictured is Lynn Proogler (center) — author of "What's a Gifted?" — working with gifted students during a workshop. Courtney Cagnon of Farmington Hills (left) and Jennifer Ernst of Northville listen intently to Proogler's lesson.

Power goes Hills resident survives airplane crash

By Bob Sklar staff writer

Farmington Hills resident Clement Clift, co-pilot of the small airplane that lost power and crashed in Warren Sunday, remembers one of the engines failing and the other sputtering.

The pilot, identified as Joseph Buzo, 58, of Dearborn Heights, was killed in the Sunday evening crash.

Buzo's Piper Apache was flying northwesterly when engine trouble developed, Clift, 54, told Warren police.

"While trying to make an emergency landing, the high winds caught the plane, turning it almost sideways," Deputy Police Chief Gerald Norkiewicz said.

Clift underwent surgery after incurring a broken leg, arm and nose as well as cuts and bruises. He was reported in fair condition Wednesday, a spokeswoman at South Macomb Hospital in Warren said.

Both men maintained hangars at Detroit City Airport. Buzo's plane was returning to Detroit City Airport at the time of the crash. It had refueled in Pentacore after an apparent afternoon pleasure fly.

"Sunday afternoon flying was not uncommon for the two," said Lt. Phillip Foster of the Detroit Police Department Aviation Section.

Detroit Edison lines were downed, knocking out power in the area, including at police headquarters, where an emergency generator had to be used until repairs were made.

Preliminary reports indicate the pilot apparently was flying under visual flight rules, meaning he was not required to file a flight plan. "We weren't tracking the flight," Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Robert Hayesforth said.

BUZO, A sales engineer, was a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and a former military pilot. Clift is a mechanic and co-pilot at Federal Mogul Corp. in Southfield, where he has worked for about 25 years.

Foster characterized Buzo and Clift as "generous, friendly, giving people."

And, he added, "they were well respected in flying circles."

Buzo flew "mostly for pleasure but did have occasion to use his plane for business," Foster said. "I have nothing but good things to say about him. He had a heart of gold."

"I had an extra set of keys to his hangar and plane and he made the offer that if I ever got into a bind and had a need for the plane, to use it. That's really uncommon. An airplane is an expensive, delicate proposition."

Investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration Minneapolis Flight Standard District Office in Minneapolis and the National Transportation Safety Board regional office near Chicago visited the scene this week in an effort to determine the exact cause of the crash.

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