# Homeowners buy property from school district

The Meadowbrook Hills and Woods

purchase of a residential lot for \$70,000 in the neighborhood off of Eight Mile in Farmington Hills.

The Meadowbrook Hills and Woods
Homeowers Association will have a
park to call their very own thanks to a
deal recently hammered out between
homeowers and Farmington school officials.
School beard members last week
agreed to enter into an agreement with
the homeowners association for the

finance director.

But now with declining school enrollment, school officials have been more enroceptive to selling some district prop-

At one time, Prisk said, the Farm-ington School District had an enroll-ment of more than 16,000 students, "With the decline in enrollment as it has occurred, our district is down to 10,000."

The decline in enrollment has slowed down a bit with an expected drop in enrollment in 1985-86 of 240 students pared to the average 5 percent in re-cent years, said Superintendent Lewis Schulman. Despite the expected overall reduction, kindergarien euroilment is expected to increase next year, he said. Even with the slowed drop in euroil-ment though, school officials are find-ing it unnecessary to hold onto the

property once planned for a school.

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"WHY SHOULD we keep this land idle when we can keep it use and make it tax producing." Frisk said. School districts do not pay municipal taxes on their property.

In addition to the Meadowbrook Hills lot, the school board also has sold the former Boad and Middlebelt schools, property along Northwestern Highway; ceight acres in Section 13 in Farmington Hills; two acres on Middlebelt; and five acres next to the San Marino Golf Course at 11 Mile and Haisted roads.

## Cable access channel needs a logo

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission's (SWOCC) community are creases channel 12 needs an emblem.
Residents in the (rt-city cable franchise area of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi are eligible to en-

sion cable firm and SWOCC in commu-nity access programming.

The winner will receive a \$50 prize.

Entries must be received by April 15

Williams at 474-1017.

Tornado sirens to be activated Thursday

When you hear a tornado siren at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, don't worry, it's only a test.

As part of Michigan Tornado Safety Week, March 25-31, local and county officials will be testing formado warn-ing sirens in Farmington and Farming-ton Hills as well as the rest of the coun-

ton Hills as well as the rest of the county this week.

"We ask that the public not call the police or fire departments for information on the test," said Capt. Russell Conway. "Our lines just get overwhelmed.

The sirens are tested to be sure they work and rotate, Conway said.

With tornado season approaching (April, May, June and July), police and fire officials are reminding residents to learn the difference between a tornado watch and warning.

A tornado watch is issued when conditions exist for the development of a tornado. Watches lasting two to six hours, give residents time to plan and prepare for a tornado.

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A tornado warning — a steady threeminute tone — means take cover immediately because a tornado has actuality been sighted or is strongly indicated by radar. Warnings cover three or
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than an hour and a balf.

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## Dog saves man in burning house

In the Crowell household in Farm-ngton Hills a dog is more than man's est friend. The family dog, nine-nouth-old Sheba, a Labrador-German

### Expand exports, don't restrict imports

"If you want to sell American goods to Japan," advises Sam Kusumoto, president of Minoita Corp., "get to know the people. U.S. firms that learn all they can about overseas markets, prior to entering them, generally are more successful than those that do not."

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Minolta, Kusumoto notes, entered the plain-paper copier market in the U.S. in 1978. "Imagine coming to America — the bome of Xerox — to sell photocopiers!" Kusumoto says. "But by last year, Minolta had grown to become fourth in the nation in copier placements."

Fatience, tusumot adds, is an essential to the common terms of the common terms

ual ingredient for business success. The answer to America's trade imbalance, he says, does not lie in restricting Japanese imports, but in greative expanding American exports. U.S. firms that adapt American-made products to foreign markets will see their revenues grow.



started a fire with a lighter, according to Richard Marinucci, Farmington Hills fire chief.

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The fire was confined to the upstairs bedroom, Marinucci said, estimating damages at \$3,000.

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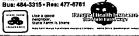
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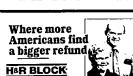


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