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Founders Festival parade up close, 3A

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HER hiring's a coup.
Farmington Public Schools
Deputy Superintendent Michael
Flanagan was talking about the
hiring of Pat Fletcher as
supervisor of maintenance and
operations.
Fletcher currently holds the
same position in the Huron
Valley School District. "She
turned a relatively diogytooking district around,"
Flanagan said.
When Fletcher comes to
Farmington July 28, she'll
oversee housekeeping for 1
million square feet. She'll also
oversee hazerdous material and
EPA reports.
She will replace LaVerne
Nichols, who is on extended
medical leave.

MORE office space is

MORE office space is planned for the basement of Farmington Public Schools' Lewis Schulman Administrative Center to consolidate administrative operations.

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Flanagan hopes to see the lower
level renovated into at least
four offices, housing the
personnel, special education,
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personnel, special education, athletics and purchasing departments.
Athletics and purchasing are currently based there. Special education will move from Alameda Early Childhood Center, Personnel has been enlarged to accommodate increased retirements and thousands of teacher applications.
The \$\$5,000 renovation will include a new interview room, an outside entryway and more parking on the east side of the building. The work will be done at cost plus 7% percent instead of 15 percent because it will be an addendum to the Eagle Media Center construction project, Flanagan said.

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MAYOR Joe Alkateeb of Farmington Hills made several appointments last week. He named Fern Barber, Kathryn Briggs and Donald Ross to the arts commission. Kay Briggs, Floyd Calrns, Albert Moehlman and John Willyard were named to the historical commission. Lawrence Lichtman and Jean Por were named to the zoning board of appeals. Other appointments included Randall Winston to the historical commission, Fred Harrison to the beautification commission and William Castick to the Economic Development Corporation.

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IT'S a no.
Farmington City Council volced opposition to proposed state legislation allowing special assessments to be considered as local taxes in the relative tax effort calculation. This calculation is used in the formula that determines the city's share of state-shared revenues.

Senate Bill 415 would reduce the percentage the city receives.
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1, 100 in 1987-95 and \$1,500 in 1988-95; [1]

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Two elderly Farmington residents died from injuries suffered when they were thrown from a horse-drawn carriage Thursday evening (July 11).

Twenty-Five Cents

Kiwanis: no to female members

Kiwanis International will contin-ue to be all male, but opposition among its ranks to allowing women members has decreased since last

members has decreased from year.
On June 24, 53 percent of the delegates voting at the group's international convention in Houston turned down a proposal to allow women members; the same issue at last

year's convention was opposed by a 3-1 measure. A two-thirds majority is required for approval. Despite the voting trends, local Kiwanians do not feel it necessarily shows that women will eventually be voted into the service organization, which is composed of professionals and businessmen. "There was a lot of dissension, and still its, really," said Lloyd Smith, list, really," said Lloyd Smith, when the service organization and still its, really, "said Lloyd Smith year, Kiwanis International and member to the Michigan District of Kiwania International and member at the 1986 convention reflects, in part, that for the first time is year, Kiwanis International transfer of the Michigan District of Kiwania International and member at the 1986 convention reflects, in part, that for the first time is year. Without the Michigan District of Kiwania International and member at the 1986 convention reflects, in part, that for the first time is year. Without the Michigan District of Kiwania International and member at the 1986 convention reflects, in part, that for the first time the year is the proposed p

SOME MEMBERS, however, felt the board was "knockling under the pressure of lawsults" rather than really being in favor of women members, Smith said. A legal battle on the issue is being taken to the U.S. Supreme Court.
About 300 Michigan delegates voted by secret ballot in Houston after a floor discussion limited to 45 minutes.
"I don't know how they voted," Smith said. "We didn't ask them. It

caucus."

Smith said that as governor he preferred not to reveal his own opinion on the issue.

He had predicted a "hot floor fight," but, he said, "It wasn't as bad as I thought. I thought they would get really mad, but they didn't."

Jennifer - 'very special'

Family, friends and co-workers remember Jennifer Christine McEwen as a young woman of softspoken determination, dedication and sensitivity — qualities that in their yess made her a "very, very special person."

The North Farmington High School graduate, who celebrated her 23rd birthday on June 23, died unexpectedly July 14 at her West Bloomfield Township home. Results of an autopsy by the Oakland County Medical Examiner will not be known for 4-5 weeks, pending toxicology results.

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involved in arrangement of the real pending to
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Services for Jennifer
were held Thursday morning at
Lynch & Sons Funeral Home (Richardson-Bird Chapel), Walled Lake.

An April graduate of Oakland University, Miss McEwen was writer
and reporter for the media relations
group of Henry Ford Hospital's public relations department. She about
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MIN-TV.
MISS McEWEN quickly established herself as a valued member of the hospital's public relations staff. 'She was a joy to work with, 'sald Karen Kaser, medla relations manager.' She showed exceptional ability and promise."

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Or. John Richardson examines a Persian cat in the operating room of his Farmington veterinary hospital.

Reflecting on 25 years as a vet in town

Many pots in the Farmington area know Dr. John Richardson — to say nothing of their grateful owners.

wners. Richardson, 53, has dedicated Richardson, 53, has dedicated himself to the care and healing of pets for 25 years, and in so doing, has become the area's longest serv-ing veterioarrian.

"We have been successful," he acknowledges. "I've been here longer than any other vet in Farm-ington now."

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During the years, he also has been active in community and civic affairs. He was elected in 1989 and 1973 to four-year terms on the Farmington City Council, and served as mayor pro tem in 1973 and mayor in 1975.

"It's been a great life, and a super place to raise my family, said Richardson, who is originally from Kansas-then East Lansing.
"Farmington has been good to me, and I like to think that I've been good to Farmington."

HIS CHILDHOOD home was Garden City, Kan. At the conclu-sion of World War II, his family moved to East Lansing, where he completed his education.

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Richardson's father was on the
faculty of Michigan State University, Deciding that he would like to
follow in his father's footsteps,
Richardson received a doctor of
veterinary medicine degree from
MSU in 1957 with the intention of
becoming a college professor.

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It was the same year he married his wife, Shirley, whom he met while holding a summer job at vectoriantain's office in Holland while he was a student at MSU. After graduating, he served in the U.S. Air Force Veterinary Corps for two years, which included practical work with animals. After returning to East Lansing, things looked different. "I decided I didn't like scademia," he said.

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DECIDING TO practice veterinary medicine, he received a master's degree in surgery and medicine from MSU in 1980. He the worked for a Detroit veterinary mospital for a year.

In 1981, he established the Plaz Veterinary Hospital, 22320 Mooney in Farmington, where he has practiced since.

Richardson said that he and his wife decided to move to the Farmington area after attending a service at a local church, and being impressed with the friendliness of the people.

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WHEN HE opened the hospital, Richardson said he operated a lit-tle differently than he does now.
"When I first started, I was hun-gry, I would do anything," he said, So, he scheduled "one or two hair-

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The CLASSIFIEDS

Muslim leader stops by Hills

Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (center), who heads the Muslim sect of the Dawoodi Bohra community based in Bombay,

World religious leader Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin visited Farmington, Hills last week to see religious followers and bless the ground for a new mosque in the Hills.

Hills. Heading the Dawoodi Bohra Muslim community, the 74-year old is a self-proclaimed "ambassador of peace." The sect is based in Bombay, India.

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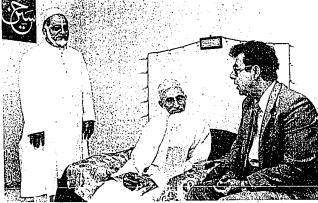
The group's local mosque will be built on Orchard Lake Road botween Eight and Nine Mile roads.

"HE IS gitted with patriolism and a progressive and realistic outlook," "HE IS gitted with patriolism and a progressive and realistic outlook," will be coording to information from the Muslim University Gazette. Dr. Sydna received an honorary doctorate in theology from the Aligarh Muslim University in India and a doctorate in Islamic sciences from the Al-Azhar University.

His photo and story have appeared in newspapers around the world where he has met with heads of state and crowds of thousands.

"Our people, they are very happy and well-settled in the United States," said Syedna, called His Holiness by followers, through an inter-Piesse turn to Page 4

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flanked by an interpreter (left) and Farmington Hills Mayor Joe Alkateeb.