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ON the move.
The Farmington Public Schools media center, serving staff throughout the district, has a new home; the Ten Mile Administrative Annex.

The media center's old site at the Farmington Community School — formerly the Shlawassee Center/School — will house an overflow of children in the district's center kindergarten program.

UPDATED courses.
Seven Farmington Public Schools courses will have new texts and a revised course outline this fall, as trustees approved both July 10. The courses include: geometry, humanities, senior essay writing, introduction to social sciences, modern world history, American literature and a new ninth-grade health/physical education class. Total textbook cost was \$63,700.

Memory lane

50 years ago.
Farmington Township must repay taxpayers of Farmington an estimated \$15,000 in covered road tax payments, inadvertently assessed by the county against the city, although they were township obligations, according to an opinion by Circuit Judge Frank Dwyer.
Frank Sieck, Farmington Township justice of the peace, reported that four gypsies robbed him of a wallet containing \$150.
— Farmington Enterprise, July 20, 1939.

This week

Farmingington-area boys and girls ages 12-15 will be treated to a community-sponsored Summer Fun Round-up beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. (Story: 2A)

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SUBURBAN LIFE'S MONTHLY ALBUM

Special Section In Today's Issue

3 men are charged in McDonald's robbery

By Bob Kklar staff writer

A four-year employee faces eight felony counts, including assault with intent to commit murder, in the robbery of an armored truck courier at a McDonald's Restaurant where a gunshot narrowly missed the day manager July 10.

The man who police said drove the getaway car, a friend of the employee, faces one armed robbery count.

A third man, who police believe hid some of the stolen money, faces two felony counts.
None of the 20 employees or patrons was hurt in the attack, at 10:45 a.m. July 10 at the McDonald's on Orchard Lake Road, south of 10 Mile, in Farmington Hills.
Arraigned Thursday before District Judge Fred Harris of Farmington, the McDonald's employee, Raymond Edward Shavers Jr., 18, of Detroit, pleaded innocent to two counts of assault with intent to commit murder, single counts of armed robbery and felonious assault and four counts of possessing a firearm while committing a felony. He is being held in the Oakland County Jail in lieu of \$500,000 bond.

Grenade bodies found at suspect's Detroit house, 2A

"The employees want to be angry at him, but we feel sorry for him because he's only 18," said Prati Meade, head manager of the McDonald's. She was off the day of the stickup but attended the arraignment.

THE SUSPECTED driver of the getaway car, Douglas Lee Parks, 18, of Farmington Hills, stood mute to one count of armed robbery. He's being held in lieu of \$200,000 bond.

Both Shavers and Parks face up to life in prison if convicted.

Steve Wilson, 18, of Farmington Hills, suspected of hiding some of the stolen money, pleaded innocent to one count of accessory after the fact to a felony and one count of receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100. He was released on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond. He faces up to five years in prison if convicted.

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Douglas Lee Parks (left) and Raymond Edward Shavers Jr., outside the 47th District Court in Farmington Thursday. They were arraigned on felony charges in connection with an armed robbery July 10 at a McDonald's Restaurant in Farmington Hills.

As the parade passes by



Crowds lined Grand River early Saturday in anticipation of the annual Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival parade, which offered nice weather and more than 50 procession entries. Above, 7-year-old R.D. Doby of Farmington Hills blows up a balloon as he waits for floats, cars, clowns, marchers and fire trucks to pass by. For parade coverage and pictures, see Page 3C.

Teacher chief didn't expect Lewis to quit

By Casey Hans staff writer

The president of the Farmington teachers' union said he was surprised by the June resignation of superintendent Graham Lewis. He's carefully watching progress in the district as his union continues its negotiation process.

"I was surprised Graham resigned, but I was aware of communication problems," said Jim Miner, president of the Farmington Education Association and a psychologist for the district, who recently returned to town. "I've always stood behind Graham as far as his ideas."

The FEA and two other Michigan Education Association affiliate unions are currently working on contract extensions, since the expiration of previous contracts was on June 30.

Miner said he had met with acting superintendent Michael Flanagan, in whom he has confidence. "Personally, I'm comfortable," he said. "Mike is much more of a detail person."

But Miner was cautious in predicting how negotiations might proceed.

MINER, WHO worked directly for Lewis for 15 years before Lewis took the superintendent's post, said he hoped the former school chief's ideas could be used in the coming year to help the district through its transition period.

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Lewis resigned half way through a two-year contract, and will be paid \$88,000 for the coming year to serve the district as a consultant. School trustees have made no decision as to what functions Lewis might perform, but said they will discuss that with him when he returns from out of town.

Miner was positive about the changes the former superintendent brought to the district. "I do think he can contribute something to the district," Miner said. "I'd like to see his ideas used."

"We had a very conservative district. Graham did attempt to address that," Miner added. "I told everyone to expect some friction with change. But it (the problems) seemed to go beyond that."

Miner said he has good feelings about the future of the district: "I'm positive about it."

Bid details: 3A

By Susan Duck staff writer

Acting on a recommendation from the Historic District Commission, the Farmington Hills City Council has approved selling the city-owned, 150-year-old Mark Arnold home at 26480 Drake to the low bidder.

Michael von Steeg, of Waldheim Woodworks in Farmington Hills, was awarded the home with a bid of \$1,400, which beat out higher bids of \$4,375 from Patrick and Marilyn Welch and \$6,000 from Jerome and Rosa Flum. All are Farmington Hills residents.

The Flums, upset with the decision, say they are considering legal action.

Councillwoman Jody Soronen's motion was supported by councillor Paul Sowerby. The vote was 5-2. May votes were cast by Mayor Terry Sever and councillor Ben Marks.

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— Mayor Terry Sever

last house, the miller's house (at 26570 Drake, north of the Arnold home)," Sever said. "My position whenever dealing with the city's funds is that the city should always get the maximum, that the city should get the most financially."

Farmingington Hills acquired both the miller's house and the Mark Arnold home about two years ago with the paving of Drake. The homes were in the right-of-way. "If (the Arnold house) was not in the right-of-way, it would have been a different story."

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Holocaust survivor finds 'good life' in America

By Susan Duck staff writer

Gov. Blanchard has joined with others from around the nation in congratulating Farmington Hills salon and spa operator Kitty Wagner on her 25th year in business in the Detroit area.

Farmingington Hills city councilman Ben Marks made a formal presentation to Wagner July 10 on behalf of the governor at Wagner's nationally known salon, the Kitty Wagner Facial Salon and Spa at Hunters Square.

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"She's an asset and a tribute to Farmington Hills," Marks said. "We're proud to have her."

Wagner lived a lifetime before she even came to America. Born in Europe, Wagner survived the Nazi occupation in Budapest, Hungary, only because of the intervention of Swedish diplomat Raul

Wallenberg, who Wagner said she actually never met.

"I had heard of him," Wagner said. "He had forged papers for the Jewish people that said they were under the jurisdiction of his consulate. I thought I saw a tall man but whether it was him, I don't know. I firmly believe that I owe my life to him."

WAGNER SPENT two weeks underground in two huge rooms, which

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