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MOTORISTS, take note: Halsted, between Eight and Nine Mile, will be closed Saturday for pavement repair. Traffic will be rerouted to Haggerty. The Farmington Hills Division of Public Works will remove and replace 100 square feet of road surface. The road will reopen by evening. Restricted access will be available to residents whose streets intersect Halsted. If the weather forces a delay, the work will be done the next available clear day, said Dan Rooney, DPW superintendent.

READY reply. When asked at a Farmington Democratic Club candidates forum last week what he thought about the idea of merging Farmington and Farmington Hills into one city, Farmington City Council hopeful Robert Walker didn't hesitate to respond. "Farmington Hills is an excellent city. But I'd just as soon stay in the inner city." Farmington, of course, is virtually ringed by Farmington Hills.

QUOTE of the week
 "It (the code of ethics) is a product of political incest. And to attempt to foist it on us without our contribution is an affront to all the citizens."
 — Albert Rosen, council watcher and council candidate. Story: 3A.

Man hurt in fall

A 24-year-old carpenter was hurt after falling 20 feet from the second floor of a house under construction in Farmington Hills on Monday. David Michael Holt, who worked for a Union Lake subcontractor, was listed in good condition with multiple injuries Tuesday at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, authorities said. Farmington Hills firefighters found the Westland resident lying on his back beneath construction material when the two-story house on Birchcrest Way collapsed at 12:20 p.m., Farmington Hills police said.

Four workers were on the second floor but no one else was hurt. The house apparently collapsed after roof trusses had been placed by crane and secured on the second floor. As plywood sheets were delivered by crane to the second floor, the roof began to rock back and forth. The trusses then fell, many to the first floor.

Holt was in the center of the second floor when he fell, Farmington Hills police officer James Kase said. Thomas Swindhurst, a Flint-based safety officer for the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration Construction Safety Division's Bureau of Safety and Regulation, was called in to determine the cause of the accident.

Swindhurst also will determine if any Michigan Department of Labor safety rules and regulations were violated, said Michael Flasky, MOSHA regional supervisor in Lansing. "Every employer is required to provide a safe workplace for employees," Flasky said. Swindhurst's report is expected next week.



PETER BALDWIN

Police officer James Kase guards the scene of the collapsed house, while the injured carpenter is treated. The scene was restricted, with people not necessary in extricating or treating the injured worker kept out.

22-year-old faces charges in rape case

By Casey Hans staff writer

A 22-year-old Dearborn man was arrested this week and charged in the September rape of a Farmington woman in her apartment at Drake and Grand Rivers.

The arrest followed an ongoing police investigation and numerous tips from the community. Farmington public safety officers obtained a warrant Monday and arrested Darryl Lee Brawdy at his Dearborn house Tuesday, said Gary Goss, Farmington's deputy director of public safety. Brawdy was arraigned Tuesday on one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of breaking and entering. He stood mute before District Judge Fred

Harris, who entered a not-guilty plea on his behalf. Harris set a \$50,000 corporate surety bond.

Brawdy faces up to life in prison if convicted on both charges. He was being held in the Farmington police lock-up early this week, and was expected to be transferred to the Oakland County Jail.

A preliminary examination to determine whether there is enough evidence for Brawdy to stand trial is scheduled for Friday at 9:30 a.m. in 47th District Court in Farmington.

THE ARREST followed a continuing police investigation headed by Farmington detective Dan Dellar. "There's been a lot of investigation into it," said Goss, who credited Dellar for his persistence.

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Artwork wins OK from Hills

By Sue Buck staff writer

Michael Hall's sculpture "Covington," which has been the focus of controversy for more than a year, received unanimous special approval last week by the Farmington Hills Planning Commission allowing it to remain on display.

The artwork stands on the west side of Northwestern Highway, south of 13 Mile. Planners had received a request to study the artwork question from KHA Associates, the property owner. The sculpture's owner, Gilbert

Silverman, an internationally known art collector and a leading arts benefactor, brought the artwork from a previous business on Lahser Road in Southfield, where it was displayed in a back courtyard until the building was sold two years ago.

"Covington" is expected to remain at its present location at 30833 Northwestern Highway until Silverman moves it to his new small office building at Telegraph and Northwestern Highway in Southfield.

"I promised to leave it up for one year," Silverman said.

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North principal named to key district post

By Casey Hans staff writer

North Farmington High principal G. Donald Cowan was promoted to a key central office job this week, effectively replacing assistant superintendent Lynn Nutter, who will retire in December.

Cowan will become director of building and student services for Farmington Public Schools, handling many of the same duties as Nutter but with a revised job title and some changes to the job.

Acting superintendent Michael Flanagan said duties among several central office administrators will now be reviewed to determine how the district can be run most efficiently. "I'm just excited as heck," said Cowan, adding that he has mixed emotions about leaving the high school he has called home for the past nine years. "There's a special pride at North that I will miss dearly. But this gives me a chance to do something new."

Also appointed this week as assistant principal at O.E. Dunkel is Thomas McConoghie, a fifth grade teacher at William Grace Elementary. The position was left vacant last

week by the unexpected death of Robert Anderson.

Cowan, 50, was selected from nine finalists for the job following a statewide search because of his "unique credentials," Flanagan said, including experience at both elementary and secondary principalships and six years as a trustee on the Huron Valley Board of Education.

IN RECOMMENDING the promotion Tuesday, Flanagan told the Farmington school board the district could be "very proud" of the appointment and that Cowan's experience was key.

"Until you've been in one of these seats (as principal) or one of your seats (as trustee), you don't always see the big picture," he said.

Cowan said he expects to begin his position before Nutter's retirement, dividing his time between the central office and North Farmington for a time until his successor is settled. A committee has been formed to select a new high school principal as quickly as possible.

In his new job, Cowan will oversee much of the building administration and student activities unre-

lated to the instructional programs. The job will be fine-tuned from a change made in 1986, when the district moved from separate elementary and secondary focus to a "K-12" or kindergarten through grade 12 focus, Flanagan said.

COWAN BEGAN with the Farmington district in 1962 and was promoted to elementary principal in 1967 — a position he held in the district for 13 years. In 1980, he became assistant principal at North Farmington, then was promoted to principal at the school four years ago.

Cowan has served on nearly every key administrative committee during his management career with the district, Flanagan said.

Cowan advised his staff and students of the change last week, pending approval of the board. "Reaction from the staff has been rewarding," he added.

A position at the central office was never Cowan's aspiration, but the time seemed right, he said. "I don't think I've really aimed at it," he said. "But when this came up, I thought, 'Why not?'"



RANDY BOST/Staff photographer

North Farmington principal Don Cowan (right) discusses football with Raiders quarterback Eric Dotter in the front lobby of the school after classes were dismissed on Monday.

"It'll just be nice to get into the other buildings, see what's happening." In lauding the selection of Cowan, Flanagan also praised Nutter for his

22 years of service to the district, many spent in the management ranks. "He's done a wonderful job in his role and will be difficult to replace," he added.

Candidates praise police for handling of march

Candidates' views on consolidation, 8A
 Endorsements, 16A

By Casey Hans staff writer

Candidates for the Farmington City Council said nothing but praise for the way law enforcement officers and city administrators

handled a recent march and rally in the city. They also concurred that the people's right to protest, as guaranteed by the Constitution, was kept intact.

Farmington public safety officials got suggestions from other communities and applied the information when planning for Farmington's event, Sunday, Oct. 15.

"We were able to participate in the plan," said candidate and current mayor Richard Tupper. "It allowed us to prepare and finally, it allowed us to control. Under the circum-

stances, the event came off."

The march for peace and racial harmony began at Grand River and Mooney, came along the north sidewalk west on Grand River and ended with a rally at city hall. Approximately 115 police officers were on hand to ensure public safety; seven people were arrested during the 2 1/2-hour event.

Six residents vying for seats on the Farmington City Council this November discussed the issue during a question-and-answer session Oct. 19 at the Botsford Inn, as part of a candi-

dates night sponsored by the Farmington Democratic Club. A seventh candidate, Joanne Fellenberg, did not participate.

"WE HANDLED it the best way the city could," said incumbent Arnold Campbell. "Everyone has the freedom of speech. We handled it well — I'm proud of it."

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