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AMONG the largest. Two Farmington Hills firms are among the 17 Michigan companies on the Forbes magazine list of the 400 largest private U.S. companies. Forbes ranked companies according to estimated or reported total sales during the most recent fiscal year. The Little Caesar International pizza chain ranked 347. Jervis B. Webb, which makes material handling equipment and systems, ranked 352.

TEAMING up. Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer headed a team of 49 uniformed officers and 20 marked patrol cars from five police agencies at a pro-life/pro-choice rally outside the Western Women's Center, 23700 Orchard Lake Road, Saturday morning. Police from Farmington, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Franklin and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department kept the peace at the three-hour rally, which produced one misdemeanor arrest.

QUOTE of the week

6 I feel like I'm being thrown a bone without any damned meat on it.

— Farmington Hills council watcher Masha Silver reacting to the financial disclosure part of the city's proposed municipal code of ethics: 2A.

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Friends shocked by doctor's murder

By Janice Brunson staff writer

Dr. Jeffrey Farkas, a man devoted to children and medicine, was buried Wednesday in a small Pennsylvania community near where he was interning in pediatric medicine and the site of his murder early Monday. A former Farmington Hills resident and a 1981 honors graduate of West Bloomfield High School, Farkas, 26, was a resident in pediatrics at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh since July.

He was found beaten and strangled to death Monday in the bathtub of the Pittsburgh house he shared with two medical interns. He had been repeatedly slashed with a knife in what Pittsburgh police have labeled a shocking random crime notable for its violence.

Farkas, who graduated with distinction in June from the Wayne State University School of Medicine, was recipient of the prestigious Anna Rutsky Award, presented to the outstanding student of pediatric medicine each school year.

"He really enjoyed working with kids. He always said he was still a kid himself, that, in some ways, he was on the same level as them," said Dr. Daniel Ryan, close friend and colleague and president of this year's 244-member graduating class at the WSU Medical School.

"HE was the top student in our class. After eight years of hard work as a poor medical student, he finally had everything," said Ryan, who last saw Farkas at Thanksgiving, when he returned home to Farmington Hills to visit his mother, Connie, and sister, Beth, a graduate student at Wayne State University.

Farkas had recently been interning in pediatric emergency services, and told Ryan he intended to specialize in that field of medicine.

Fred Langer, an industrial engineer in Ohio who first met Farkas in eighth grade at Orchard Lake Middle School, also saw his old friend at Thanksgiving. Langer and Farkas attended the University of Michigan together and have maintained weekly phone contact since.

"He was very much a part of the family, an all-around great guy, unusually caring and very well liked by everyone. He had an amazing future," Langer said, referring to Farkas as "Unle Farkl," a nickname earned while working as a summer camp counselor during high school and college.

"It's ironic. He felt a lot more freedom in Pittsburgh, not having to be so concerned with crime. He was

thrilled to get away from Detroit," Langer added.

FARKAS, ONE of only 17 applicants selected from a field of 200 to intern in the three-year program at Children's in Pittsburgh, was drawn to the city by a host of relatives who live there, according to Farkas' father, Gerald, of Jacksonville, Fla.

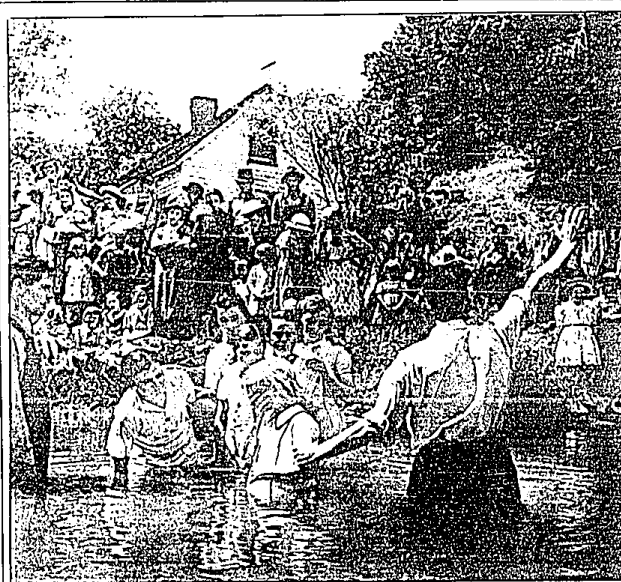
"He had such a future ahead of him," the senior Farkas said. Farkas earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from U. of M. in 1985, graduating with distinction and class honors. He was an honor student throughout medical school and graduated a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, the medical honor society.

"He was number one in the class of pediatrics," said Sandra Driscoll



Dr. Jeffrey Farkas 'unusually caring'

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JOE CLARK

A mural print of this 1938 Joe Clark photo, Smithsonian Institute from March 1982 to March 1983. "Baptising in Olde Towne Creek in Cumberland Gap, Tennessee," was exhibited in the

Photographer Joe Clark 'touched a lot of people'

By Loraine McClain staff writer

Joe Clark — artist with a camera, poet, storyteller and author — died at age 85 Sunday in Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.

A nationally known photojournalist, the Farmington Hills resident had been in the cardiac intensive care unit since Nov. 28, following a heart attack.

Clark's trademarks were his wide-brimmed straw hat, bright blue eyes behind steel-rimmed glasses, and the letters HBSS (Hill Billy Snap Shooter) he used after his name on thousands of photo-

graphs, on his license plate, on the sign in front of his house, and which he sometimes embroidered on his shirt.

Approximately 500 mourners attended the visitation in McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, early this week, where the familiar wide-brimmed straw hat was propped up against the casket. To one side of the casket was an enlargement of Clark's most famous photograph, "Baptising in Olde Towne Creek," which hung for a year in the Smithsonian Institute of Art, Washington.

Janebug Clark, a former Marine Corps photographer and now presi-

dent of the American Society of Magazine Photographers in Michigan, recited one of his father's poems during Monday's prayer service.

"Hell ain't half full And it never will be If it hopes to catch Saints like me."

THE PHOTOGRAPH and the poem are typical of the man who spent much of his life chronicling Appalachia in pictures and words.

"Dad touched a lot of people and

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Flanagan now leads schools in Farmington

By Casey Hans staff writer

Before an emotionally charged crowd in Warner Middle School's cafeteria Tuesday, 48-year-old Michael Flanagan stepped forward to become Farmington's new school superintendent.

"I won't let you down," Flanagan promised school board members and the community. "I will continue to be an educator first."

The appointment of the veteran administrator — who has served as acting superintendent since June and in various other central office posts for 16 years — was unanimously approved by the school board, despite concerns raised about his teaching background and possible problems with "repeating history" by choosing an internal candidate.

The school board also called off its superintendent search Tuesday, authorizing partial consulting fee payment of \$8,000 from the original estimate of between \$12,000 and \$16,000. The board had expected to take until next June to do its search until consultant Karl Plath recommended the appointment after sending overwhelming support for the acting chief.



Michael Flanagan 'educator first'

Although Tuesday's appointment was made with "contract to be negotiated," board president Helen Frutwin said Flanagan will likely continue on the same contract with a change in title. He currently earns \$93,720 per year. In 1990-91, he will earn \$99,812.

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Shopping center expansion opposed

By Casey Hans staff writer

Farmington's Downtown Development Authority will continue to fight a proposed expansion of the Muirwood Square shopping center at Drake and Grand River in neighboring Farmington Hills.

An expanded center with a grocery store anchor will be a detriment to the nearby downtown area, they said. The proposed \$10 million expansion by Bestak Building Co. would double the size of the center to 105,000 square feet.

The DDA board voted unanimously Tuesday to send a stronger, ex-

panded resolution to the Farmington Hills City Council, opposing the expansion and necessary property rezoning, citing concerns about the future of the downtown Farmington business district.

The resolution will stress the "co-operative spirit" between the cities and the "historical background of cooperation" the two have shared, according to motion-maker Frank Clappison.

"I think we have a whole new set of ears," said DDA member Ben Oglesby, referring to an upcoming hearing on the rezoning issue before

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Hills officials ponder putting library on city land

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Some Farmington Hills City Council members say they would listen to proposals for selling some city-owned acreage — bought for community sports — for a new main library in the heart of the city. Others are opposed.

"I like the idea myself. I've not seen any plan or proposal from parks and recreation (commission-

ers) on what they really propose to put on that property and the acreage it would require," said newly elected councilman Jonathan Grant, former library board president.

Others say they would at least listen to a proposal of selling a portion of city-owned land. But they're concerned about the city's lack of parks and recreation land.

"I guess I'm not adverse to considering it. But I think it's important for the city to have more parks and

recreation property, especially more active parks and recreation property," newly elected councilman Larry Lichtman said.

AT LEAST two councilmen — Mayor Terry Sever and Ben Marks — are definitely opposed to selling any portion of park land for a library.

"I know that's been mentioned. I'd like to see the library purchase land elsewhere. We are in a position

where we have it tied up," Sever said.

Marks agreed. "I don't want to see that. I think our recreation is as important as our library. We didn't buy it for that purpose."

City officials this year bought 20 acres, owned by Jack Peltz, south of I-96, immediately west of Farmington Road. The city's half-mile parks and recreation tax was used to buy the land.

Efforts are afoot to buy 45 Michi-

gan Department of Transportation-owned acres, adjacent to the Peltz property. A state grant has been applied for to buy the land, Sever said.

The Peltz and MIDOT land is designated for parks and recreation use and shouldn't be used for other purposes, especially since parks and recreation millage money is being used, Sever said.

Library officials believe they have

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