Chief promotes school-business partnerships

Farmington's school chief has followed up on his pledge to invite business leaders into the class-

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An enhance the Informal partnership and the beneficial for the community.

In a recent mailing to Farming-too/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce members, school Super-intendent Michael Flanagan invited them to share their experience with students, helping "jump-stark tids into." understanding the importance of their education."

The letter included an information sheet for business people interseted in either visiting classrooms, or inviting students to their worthing to the students of the complete and return to the school district, as well as experience, is an untapped resource for the 12,000, kids who some to our school district each day." He said.

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ONE WEEK after the letters were sent, 45 people ranging from top executives to the owners and rhangers of small enterprises had responded. Flanagan, who sits on

the chamber of commerce board, said he will expand his request to non-chamber members before putting together a resource directory for the district's 800 (eachers to use in enhancing their teaching. He hopes to get several hundred resource names.

"This is something that's been on my mind for a long time," said. Flanagan, who has a business and flanace background, "I'm convinced we really touched a chord." Flanagan's recent action follows comments he made last March at an annual State of the Citles address at Aiexander Hamilton Life insurance Co, where he suggested mentorship programs and other partnerships between business and partnership between business and possess and had several business readers approach him showing interest.

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At that time, Flanagan said educators must "less us" to their problems and start looking for ways to better educate students. Community resources are an important way, he said. "In education, we're going to start taiking abbout outcomes. It's not what we put in, it's how the students come out."

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age others to do the same, he said.
"I believe there will be a large number who didn't know how to make the contacts. It's just an ex-tra thing" to enhance learning.

THE RECENT effort is not an official partnership program, but Flanagan said he can see it expanding in the future. "It's a door opener," he said. "Mentorships, and other things, will naturally evolve

from this."

He also said be hopes area businesses will make use of school district resources, including help with adult lilliteracy, special programs, and school buildings for meetings, among others." If see these partnerships as "what can they do for turn. I want it to be a true partnership and the state of the second of not just (taking) another hand-out," he added.

Council upset by Mideast buildup

"Certainly the world is at need hen it is threatened by war," she ided. "We felt ourselves moved to ake a statement about it."

THE SISTERS' letter urged that U.S. involvement be focused on supporting efforts to negotiate "the prevention of this impending global dis-

"I don't think we've exhausted all peaceful means," Sister Gretchen said. "All kinds of negotiations are possible... but I'm not sure we're willing to invest as much energy in

willing to invest as much energy in them.
"And I object to the U.S. sort of running in as a savior when many of our allies are not feeling so moved. Like many critics of the the milliary buildup, Sister Gretchen said the nation's oil supply in the Middle East—not the safety of the pool of Kuwalt — is the real reason for the war footing.
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"Sure, it's a matter of our economic comfort and well-being," she said,
"but we have to weigh that against

lent conflict."

Is war ever justified? "In an age when nuclear weapons are part of the strategy, I don't think so," the 30-year sister answered.

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PUTHERMORE, she said, negotations to resolve the conflict should be carried out with "the Arab point of view" in mild.

"Are we settling the terms of negotation solely from our cultural perspective?" she asked. "I have a feeling that we have this cultural imperialism that sort of takes over."

The Sisters of Mercy stand on the Persian Gulf conflict is sure to be controversial, but Sister Gretchen said it was their duty to voice their opposition to a possible war.

"There are some people who will say that church groups should mind their own business," said the sister, who was born in Dearborn and grew in the person of the person o

Planners want city to settle IRO issue

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"There is an inequity to allowing certain things against multiples but not (against) single-family dwell-ings," Hillside resident Joan Lewan-dowski said.

THROUGHOUT THE public hearing, however, residents referred to Kaltan's acreage and said they don't want it rezoned to IRO.

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"I haven't heard a compelling rea-son offered why the whole Farming-ton Hills zoning philosophy should be changed for this one piece of proper-ty (Ka[tan's)." Independence Hills resident David Kandt said.

Kandt presented commissioners with written arguments for eliminating all types of residential uses next to IRO. His comments included concern for eity officials' ability to control and enforce as well as understand the type of toxic and hazardous uses companies in an IRO.

district might use.

Though residents said an office use would be a preferable buffer for Hillside and the subdivisions, commissioners and planning consultant Claude Coates disagreed.

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City attorney John Donobus spoke of Kaflaris tarsult against the city, the said he plans to defend the city's office zone on Kaflaris property as reasonable. That property is not the best for office use because of its narrow frontage and stepness, he said.

"If we say IRO is not appropriate we must also say industrial is not appropriate next to multiple-family, propertied next to multiple-family, but the coates desired the coates desired to argue should be appropriate next to that site?"

Report shows crime down in Farmington

The following information is provided by the Farmington Department of Public Safety, which incorporates both fire and police protection for residents of the city of Farmington. Residents of business people with questions, concerns, or who need information should call the department at 743-7262.

• CRIME DOWN
Second quarter police statistics
show crime on the decrease in the
city, according to a report ending
Sept. 30.
Serious crime was down 23 ner-

Sept. 30.
Serious crime was down 23 per-cent compared to the same period in 1989, with 312 incidents reported compared with 406 last year. This is the second quarter such a decrease has occurred.

7It is anticipated that the city will continue to see a significant reduc-

FARMINGTON UBLIC SAFET

tion in crime through the end of 1990," Lauhoff said in a report to city council. "If the current trend continues, the city may experience the lowest serious crime rate in over 20 wears."

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Other less serious crimes rose two percent, general non-criminal com-plaints to the department fell four

BUSINESS FOCUS
Farmington police are putting a special emphasis on business during please in the property of t

FIRE SAFETY
 Fire marshal Joe Schornack is encouraging people to be aware of
electrical light problems, fireplaces,

space heaters and Christmas tree safety during the holiday season:

Check lights which have been stored in cold or hot areas. Such con-

stored in cold or bot areas. Such con-ditions may cause cracked wires and worn insulation problems. Discord a cord which shows aigns of war, they can cause fires, shocks and even electrocution. Also, beware of over-loading circuits.

• Choose a fresh tree and once it is home keep plenty of water in it's base. A dry tree is the source of more than 1,000 home fires each year.

more than 1,000 home ures exceptor, year, a Space heaters should be kept away from table cloths, curtains, bedspreads and other furniture. In order to enjoy a literplace safely, creeste build-up on chimneys should be removed with a thorough cleaning; how often it is used. Burn hardwords such as oak and maple and avoid burning pine and poplar.



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