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years — the last seven.

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Nominations came district
vide. Curriculum coordinators,
school psychologists, consultants, parents — past and present — contributed rave reviews



"GOODS" REAL ESTATE

by Randal Goodson

### WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE?

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however.

When buyers are deciding which houses deserve serious consideration, any kind of water problem may appear to be much more serious than it really is. The sellers may regard a damp basement as simply a sign that its interest to dean the gutters or check the soil buildup around the house or leaking roof as a call for new flashing. But to someone who has never owned a home, these defects can be taken as signs that the house are more more down and the primary need for shelter from 'the elements.' People may not fulfill their primary need for shelter from 'the elements.' People may be perfectly willing to rent a home with milnor water problems, but they are likely to pass up the same house if they think it won't keep them perfectly dry.

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on Harris' teaching style.

She's been lauded for working with gifted children to those with Attention Deficit Disorder.

"She accepts nothing less than success, and she is willing to devote whatever time it takes to help a student achieve that goal, said Marilyn Hersh, media specialist at Hillside. No one falls through the cracks."

Such platitudes from colleagues are particularly reward-leagues are particularly reward-leagues are particularly reward-leagues are particularly reward-leagues are particularly reward-

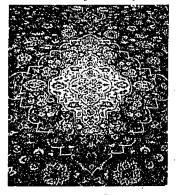
leagues are particularly reward-ing, Harris said.

"I am dramatic," she said. "I'll do anything to turn a kid on. Motivation is a strong part of my

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"I hold kids responsible and accountable with rowards and consequences." Privilege passes — shortened to "PPs" in Harris' inimitable vernacular — are held out as rewards for academics, citizenship and conflict resolution. At the end of the year, students use PPs to bid in an auction for prizes.





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Consequences?
 "They never get away with
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 "They lose some PF9, which are
like gold."
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after a particular
teacher she had,
though she said she
one had a high school
civics instructor who
was'very approachable.



Passion for the job: Keeping the kids' attention comes naturally for Dodie Harris, who has taught at

# Green, Gippert top district teachers

Farmington Public Schools honored Karen Green of Power Middle School as Middle Teacher of the Year and Carl Gippert as High School Teacher of the Year.

Green joined the district in 1988 teaching fourth grade at Gill Elementary. She's been a sixth-grade teacher at Power Middle School since 1980.

She serves as the sixth grade team leader and as chairperson of the math department.

She was cited for her class-room structure, variety of teach-ing strategies and dedication to the profession in her nomina-

A parent also lauded Green for

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Carl Gippert

her ability to communicate with her students. The parent wrote, "My daughter said, 'Mom, she made math fun," the parent made math fun," the parent said. "I can think of no higher praise."

Gipport joined Farmington Public Schools in 1986 teaching instrumental music. He is the

band director at North Farmington High.

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Ho is a member of a number of organizations and his bands have received numerous awards for their performances, Recently, the North Farmington bands received outstanding awards at a national band and orchestra festival at the Presidential Inaugural Horitage Festival including for outstanding instrumental program.

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"Mr. Gippert was without a doubt my favorite teacher of all time," a student wrote. "He taught me to have confidence in myself and I always knew he believed in mo. He had a great impact on my life."

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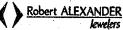
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