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Transportation, athletics jobs filled

BY TIM SMITH
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The Farmington school board
Aug. 18 filled two key vacancles
on its administrative staff.
Hired as athletic director was
Brian Swinchart, a veteran
coach and teacher in the district.
William Touley, meanwhile,
moves over from a Lansing-area
district to become transportation
director.
Swinchart takes over operation of the athletics and physical
cducation department, filling a
position vacated when Ronald
Holland retired after the 199798 school year, Tousley is succeeding Julie Teddy, who also

retired. Both started their new jobs Monday.

"I'm very excited about this," said Swinehart to the school board, after his appointment was OKd. "I look forward to carrying on the traditions Ron Holland established in the athletic department and physical education" and "meeting head-on" the challenges of the next few years.

The Michigan State University graduate will oversee the first

year of the combined high school ice hockey team and changes to physical extension, as well as making sure the change to night time football in fall 1999 takes place without two more pitches.

time football in fall 1999 takes
place without too many glitches.
Swinehart, a teacher at Highmeadow Common Campus and
East Middle School since 1990,
didn't take long to impress the
district administrator who led
interviews more than a week

ago.
"Brian just rose to the top" of eight job candidates who wore interviewed, said James Myors, executive director for K-12 instruction and student services. "Overall, he had a real good

sense of what the future should hold for athletics and physical education." Superintendent Bob Maxfield said it is "always a pleasure" to set someone come up "through the ranks, be willing to take that next step."

Tousley, transportation supervisor since 1993 at Charlotte Public Schools, said he is Took taking forward to the challenger of taking over the transportation helm in Farmington.

He was selected from a field of 8c andidates, said Cheryl Cannon, the district's assistant superintendent for business and finance.

Death from page A1

young," Gerds said.

Before Farmington Hills police and fire departments heard the official cause of death, they were stumped by preliminary reports stating a natural cause of death. Both departments had initially responded to a reported electrocution.

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noon.

The incident occurred shortly after 3-p.m. at a home where Kobak, an employee of a local siding and window company, was installing vinyl siding. While performing contract work for a homeowner he came into contact with standard 220-volt wires while using an aluminum ladder. He hung onto the wires for about 10 seconds before he fell to the ground, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Witnesses told police they heard him yell and saw his arm tangled in the wires before he fell.

Farmington Hills Fire Department crows attempted for 20 minutes to revive the man. He was transported to Betsford Hos-

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Steve Hume —Fire marshal

pital where he was pronounced dend after attempts to revive him failed. He never regained

consciousness.

The man's co-workers told emergency personnel that he had been born with heart problems but were unsure what they were.

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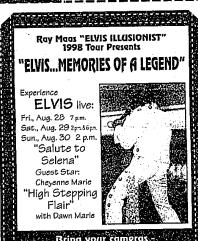
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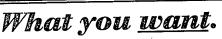
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