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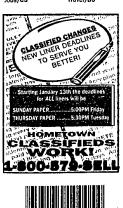
#### FRIDAY

Americas Ballet: Farmington High School presents Dance of the Americas Ballet at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 11 in the school auditorium. Call (248) 489-3412.

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# Districts vary in start time approach



■ Farmington and West Bloomfield Schools appear to be at the forefront of a movement toward later school start times. Both have done significant studies of the impacts on busing and other areas of school life.

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

The West Bloomfield and Farming-ton School Districts have made signifi-cant strides in both exploring and pos-sibly implementing later start times for high schoolers, based on adolescent sleep time research. Some research indicates that teens

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don't get enough sleep because they go to bed late and then get up early to catch buses for classes that start at 7:30 a.m. or earlier. Experts are concerned that excessive sleepiness contributes to decreased concentration, reduced short-term memory and learning shillty, moodiness, inconsistent performance and poor productivity.

West Bloomfield school officials took

Farmington Schools have gone so far as to organize groups of volunteers to examine the logistics of start time changes. Four subcommittees will deliver their reports at 7 p.m. Jan. 7 at the Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas Street.

The District has always been at the forefront of this issue. Last year, Superintendent Bob Maxfield put out an invitation to area school districts to determine which were interested in exploring later school start times. Besides Farmington and West Bloomfield, the consortium consists of:

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### City officials take a look at '02 goals

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER sbuckGochomecomm.net Farmington City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 7 to discuss 2002 goals and objectives, which will be considered for adoption at the regular 8 p. m. meet-ing.

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The goals, last discussed in Novem-

The goals, last discussed in November, are to:

Maintain public properties in good repair and in an aesthetically pleasing manner and manage the condition of aging infrastructure in the city;

Maintain a program of community maintenance;

Maintain the economic vitality of all commercial areas in the city and preserve the city's historical character and charms.

preserve the city a instortant spanning and charm;

Support incremental implementation of selected aspects of the major processes. This could include the muster plan.

Commit to environmental improve-

Commit to environmental improve-ment and nesthetic enhancement of the community and to public recognition for individuals and organizations who demonstrate a special achievement in the community; Expand the productivity of the Downtown Development Authority;

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# Who goes there?: What looks like a mysterious scene is just cold weather and morning light at Super Carwash System's Orchard Lake and Grand River facility. Nearly a week of light snow left many vehicles salt-encrusted. Hills begins ALS transport service

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER hneedham@oc.homecomm.net

STAFF WHITES
Most people don't want to be given
shots of medication or an IV, strapped
onto a stretcher, placed in an ambulance and rushed to the hospital.

But the thinking in Farmington Hills
is that it's better to have these services
immediately available, rather than call
someone else to provide them. The city
began transporting advanced life support or "ALS" patients this week. This
means patients requiring invasive
emergency care such as shots,
medicines and IVs can be transported
to a hospital by Hills emergency workers.

Kevin Bersche, Hills' EMS coordina-

tor, said so far the service is going well.

"Our transporting (patients) is a new service," Bersche said. "On Jan. 2, we took on the responsibility of transporting patients to the hospital in fire department vehicles rather than turning them over to Community EMS (a Southfield ambulance firm)." In March, 1998, Farmington Hills began providing first response ALS treatment, but continued turning over transport services to Community EMS. Having to depend upon an outside company for patient transport proved problematic at times.

"The downside was that if (ambulances) were in another part of the district, that didn't do us a whole lot of good, Bersche said.

A few years ago, Hills city council members decided to look into providing full ALS service and transport. Councilman Jerry Ellis said that though council took its time to approve the measure, it was very worthwhile. "We can operate in a more efficient and productive manner," he said. "Bersche agreed. "We feel that it provides the best service to the community," he said. "We can provide any invasive procedure, place (patients) in our units and take-them to an appropriate hospital." Invasive procedures include administering IVs, medications and shots—basically any medical procedure that "invades" the body, according to Bersche. Stabilization procedures such

## Seeing Christ in everyone was 'her real work'

### Former Madonna president remembered at funeral

Family, friends, area religious and governmental leaders joined the Felician Sisters and the Madonna University community Friday in calebrating the life and spirit of Sister Mary Francilene Van de Vyver at a Mass of the Resurrection.

More than 600 people packed the Felician Sisters Chapel on Chalice Drive to say goodbye and honor the former Madonana University president who died surrounded by her personal family and Felician family shortly before midnight Dec. 31 of pancreatic and liver cancer.

The religious community was led by Cardinal Adam Maida and four bishops

representing the Detroit Archdiocese and Sister Mary Renetta, provincial minister and president of the Felician Sisters of Livonia.

Sister Francilene was remembered for her strong faith, devotion to religious life, her passion for service and leadership and her love for all people. She was praised and culogized by her fellow Felicians, the Rev. Kenneth McKenna, who officiated at the Mass and Cardinal Maida.

The service was signed for the hearing impaired at Sister Francilene's request.

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"She selected the readings for today and asked that I not speak of her but of



her "a friend" and a woman of "extraordinary goodness."
Sister Renetta, leader of the Felicians, told those present, "Sister Francisenes spirit lives on in all of us."
Friends, and col-

Friends and colleagues came from throughout the coun-try to say goodbye. Sister Marcella Marie Sister Marcella Marie and two other Felician colleagues drove from Buffalo, N.Y., for the funeral. They navigated through more than seven feet of snow and left at 2:30 a.m.
Thursday to attend the service.

"We were colleagues and she was very special," said Sister Marcella

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