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**Book bound:** Borders Books and Music opened its new outlet on Orchard Lake Road, near 14 Mile Road, in Farmington Hills. The three C's are all there: Conrad, Chopin and cappuccino. /3A

**Gavel wrap:** Farmington Hills Mayor Larry Lichtman chastises Voters' Voice for not registering as a political group. /3A

**Time travel:** The Farmington Hills City Council adds a few more locations to its Historic District map. /3A

**Honored society:** Two Farmington Public Schools teachers were named best in the state in their respective areas of specialty. /4-5A

## TASTE



**Cookies:** Spend a jolly afternoon making chocolate teddy bear cookies with your kids. /1B

**Holiday appetizers:** Hostesses ring in the holiday season on a healthy note. /1B

## MALLS & MAINSTREETS

**More Than You Bargained For:** Meet John Cianciolo of The Nature Company, nominated by a shopper for superb customer service. /7B

**Sizzling Southfield:** Mayor Don Fracassi's been all over town lately, celebrating retail renovations at Tel-Twelve and Northland malls. /7B

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# Farmington joins in flow fray



Farmington has united with Farmington Hills to ask the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to rethink allowing wastewater to be sent from Commerce Township to the Rouge River basin, and through the city.

By LARRY O'CONNOR  
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The city of Farmington has joined the fight against the expansion of a Commerce Township facility, which would receive treated wastewater through the area.

Farmington wants a hearing before

the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which approved the expansion plan to increase the discharge limit of wastewater from 5.5 million to 8.5 million gallons a day.

Treated water would flow downward into the Seelye Drain and subsequently into the Rouge River basin

Instead of the Huron River basin where it originates.

Farmington and Farmington Hills are included in the Rouge River basin. A tributary of the Rouge flows through City Park off Shilwassee Road.

"The issue is really a bigger one," Farmington City Manager Frank Laubhoff said, "and that's the MDNR's change of mind of moving it from one river basin to another."

Farmington Hills City Council has already requested a review. Farmington's council agreed to follow at its

Nov. 21 meeting.

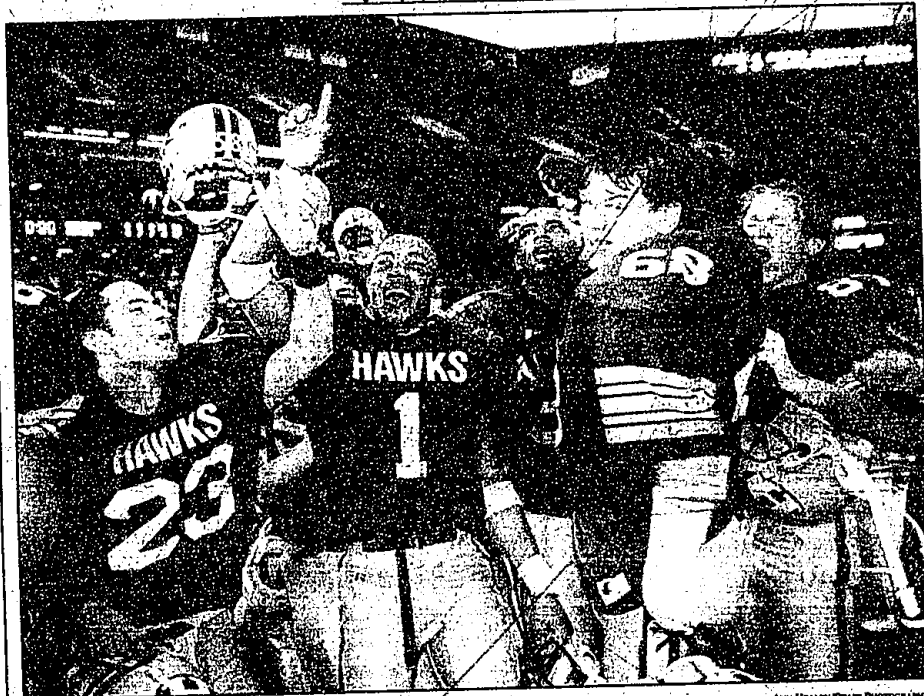
The MDNR's granting a permit for such a project is inconsistent, Farmington city officials say.

Farmington spent \$10 million for a sewerage improvement project, which is designed to eliminate combined sewage overflow from going into the Rouge River. The city's efforts came at the urging of the MDNR.

However, excess rainfall or plant failure could mean untreated sewage would be flowing into the Rouge, city officials said.

See FLOW, 2A

## Hip hip (Hawks) hooray



**Seventh heaven:** Hawks players Dave Hensel (left), Kevin Bryant, Nick Williams and Brian Gurwin whoop it up after Harrison High captured its seventh state football championship, downing Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 17-13 Friday in the Class A final at the Pontiac Silverdome. For full game details, please turn to Page 1C.

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# New assistant superintendent has job's numbers

By SUE BUCK  
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Cheryl Cannon, Farmington Public Schools' new assistant superintendent for finance, always had a way with numbers.

In elementary school, her math teachers fostered competition and quick-draw mastery by constantly putting pairs of students to blackboard tests. Cannon out-competed her peers.

"I was the quickest math student," Cannon said. "I was always the last one standing."

As an 11-year-old, Cannon's father, who was a grocery store owner, often put his daughter in charge of the cash

register. Making change was useful practice.

Cannon assumes her role in Farmington schools Jan. 1, replacing Bruce Barrett, who followed Superintendent Michael Flanagan's direction, to become associate superintendent for Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency.

"It's a new opportunity and new challenges," Cannon said. "I've heard good things about Dr. (Robert) Maxwell. It's a good fit."

Cannon, 43, will oversee the district's budget and operations.

## FARMINGTON SCHOOLS

Since 1987, Cannon has been assistant superintendent for business at Chippewa Valley Schools.

Her responsibilities included overall direction of the administrative and clerical team. She was also responsible for non-instructional district services like budgeting, accounting, buildings and grounds.

She also handled facilities planning, food service, purchasing, technology and transportation.

See JOB, 2A Cheryl Cannon



## Flick that switch

Light 'em up. That's what the city of Farmington Hills said when it threw the switch on the holiday lights at city hall Nov. 22. The festive frolic kicked off with the singing of holiday songs. The Farmington Hills Community Chorus led the way.

Hills Mayor Larry Lichtman switched on the holiday lights. Refreshments followed in city hall with Santa present to listen to children's requests. Hills City Hall is at 81555 11 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake Road.

## Safety knot

A s of Nov. 21, Farmington Hills Police Department and the Farmington Public Safety Department, along with other law enforcement agencies in the state, helped kick off Mothers Against Drunk Driving's red ribbon "Tying One on for Safety" campaign Nov. 21. The

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red ribbon campaign, which runs through Jan. 1, 1995, promotes sober driving during the holiday season when alcohol-related crashes most often occur.

Motorists are encouraged to tie a red ribbon on their vehicles. Ribbons are available at both the Farmington Hills and Farmington police departments.

## Class act

William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills will have an open house 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, for those interested in starting classes in January. People who want to learn more about the four-year Christian liberal arts college are also encouraged to pay a visit.

Faculty and staff will be there to answer questions about programs, registration and financial aid. William Tyndale College is at 35700 W. 12 Mile Road, west of Drake Road, Farmington Hills. For information, call 810-553-7200.

## Scouts' honors

Three Boy Scouts in Troop 45 of Farmington were honored with rank advancements at the troop's Fall Court of Honor. Adam Wright was commissioned to Star, James Magee and Paul Koning for Tenderfoot. Some 14 scouts who attended summer camp in August earned 25 merit badges and another 20 merit badges were earned or completed by 10 scouts at Advancement Day Oct. 2.

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