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of students within three miles in Farmington Hills. At Harrison High, five students in an Advanced Placement English class are positive, articulate and confident about the future, he said.

A microcosm

At O'Connell School in Sarah Fisher Center, another exceptional teacher overcomes children ages 6-10, who are frightened and pessimistic. "This incredible contradiction plays out time and time again throughout this community," Maxfield said. "We have here some of America's most fortunate and some of its more challenged students. We are indeed a microcosm of society."

Curriculum, program, test scores, fiscal and building improvements continue to help close that gap, Maxfield said.

A voter-approved bond issue paid for extensive ongoing school renovations. Low interest rates and Durant lawsuit windfalls will save taxpayers \$30 million.

The district also reached "win-win" contract settlements with all its employee unions, including teachers. "We're proud of what we're doing," Maxfield said.

Mayors and city managers from both cities are equally pumped about the coming year. Infrastructure upgrades are one reason.

Resident involvement is another, Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said.

"In ancient Rome, the proudest boast that a resident of that city could make is: 'Civis Romanus sum ... I am a Roman citizen,'" Vagnozzi said. "Today, a similar boast is: 'Civis Farmington sum ... I am a Farmington Hills resident.'"

Farmington Hills City Manager Steve Brock, quoting Shakespeare's "Coriolanus" in his report, pointed out two planned road improvements as part of the city's Mobility Study.

Orchard Lake will be widened from 10 Mile and I-696 while a right turn lane will be added on Westland 12 Mile into Orchard Lake.

Hills city officials are looking at bids to develop property at 11 Mile and Halsted into an expansion of San Marino golf course and residential project.

Improvements seen

In Farmington, half the sidewalks will be rebuilt at no additional cost to taxpayers. As part of a 1994 voter-approved tax increase, the city will also upgrade 15 roads. So far, 21 road have been improved as part of the maintenance program.

"I call it the invisible infrastructure: Nobody sees them unless there is a problem," said City Manager Frank Lauhoff, who included a quote from British statesman William Churchill in his address.

Federal, county and city money will pay for a \$7 million improvement for Farmington Road in 2001.

Through its recent Master Plan, the city is ready for redevelopment. Most of Farmington was built during the 1950s, which wasn't well thought out in some instances.

"The only way our community is going to remain prosperous and remain an attractive place to relocate is by ensuring redevelopment continues and in a correct way," Lauhoff said.

Downtown enhancements remain a top priority, Lauhoff said. A Wayne State University Urban Studies class did a study of the area.

"This downtown is part of both Farmington and Farmington Hills," Lauhoff said. "We're very concerned about what happens there."

History

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Williams, who gave two performances in the media center (all Wooddale students attended one or the other), conveyed his messages through "anansi," African folk tales.

Augmenting the stories was music, played on traditional instruments such as the "djembe" drum, the "mbira" and jawharp.

"The audience participation was very, very high," Jones said.

The principal said it is a plus for pupils to learn in a variety of ways, including hearing from special guests.

"As many perspectives as students can receive are beneficial," Jones said. "It pays to have information coming from a lot of different perspectives."

Meanwhile, all Wooddale classrooms incorporated the Black History Month theme into projects and lessons, Jones said.

Williams' Wooddale performances were sponsored by the school PTA. He is an Ann Arbor resident and member of Good Time Productions. His program "is motivated by the belief that the beauty and power of African culture should be shared," noted a description provided by Good Time.

Injured



PHOTO BY PETER BALOGH

Family: A father, mother and child in a car seat were in this Jeep Cherokee when it was struck broadside by another car at Halsted and 12 Mile early Saturday morning. The father was seriously injured and transported to the University of Michigan Hospitals. The mother was also injured, while the child who was in a car seat was unhurt.



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