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He also promoted Dana Whinery from HR director to assistant city manager, and Teri Arbenowske from Economic Development director to assistant to the city manager. In his first month, Brock was confronted with residents angered over basement flooding after a 4-inch rainfall.

Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said he's impressed with the way Brock took charge after Hobbs left in August. Brock started as an assistant to then-City Manager Bill Costick 10 years ago and was promoted to assistant city manager.

Brock was also a manager in Northville Township and village administrator in Hortonville.

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tion. Gippert, instrumental music director at North Farmington High School, was named "Orchestra Teacher of the Year" by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association. Previously, he was selected the district's high school teacher of the year for 1996-97.

"We're elated, overjoyed," said Paul Barber, district music coordinator. "We know we have a wonderful staff. But it's great to have them recognized by their peers around the state."

"It's like having the tri-fecta, the triple crown. I don't think you have another school district in Michigan with three (such honors) in one year, let alone three in one week."

All three honored music teachers this week discussed their accolades, and talked about the reasons why the district's vocal and instrumental music programs continue to strike responsive chords among students.

Varied goals

According to Brown, who came to Farmington schools in 1994 after beginning his career in the Detroit district, main goals include promoting music in a "noncompetitive" environment, so that students can learn to enjoy it and not feel overly pressured to excel. He also tries to offer a variety of singing styles, including a cappella.

"I'm pleased (with the honors)," Brown said. "It's always nice to be recognized. But the students at East do a good job. I think the success of students brought it about."

In addition to a cappella, Brown said jazz, traditional and contemporary are just a few of the different singing styles he offers students.

He said there is a definite link between students who have success in music and success in other aspects of life.

"When I run into successful people, chances are they have a background in music," Brown said.

DeLuca's efforts include fostering a partnership between Farmington Public Schools and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and overseeing special school programs such as "Day For Strings." She is based out of Hillside Elementary, but commutes to five other elementary in the district.

"I want to teach kids to enjoy music," DeLuca said. "And to do the best that they can do."

Like Brown, she tries to help more students connect with music by providing them with a myriad of choices. And the earlier they do that, the better.

"It's important that music be presented to children when they're young," DeLuca said. "There is research that says if they don't develop it early, they lose it. And (music) enhances learning in every area."

Although thrilled about the honor, DeLuca said many others could have received it instead of her. The award "speaks to our whole music department."

Team effort

Gippert, who is in his 12th year at North, said he'd rather give credit for his award to other

staff members and "the students who work hard."

"The honor is really representative, not only of my work, but of the whole district's work," Gippert said.

He recalled one of the main reasons he decided to move to the Farmington district in the first place — he wanted a chance to teach strings, when not many districts emphasized instrumental music.

"Now, every school district in the state has a strings program," Gippert said.

But in few places is it as entrenched as part of the curriculum as it is in Farmington, Barber said.

"The (school) board is supportive of the arts here," Barber said, "in part because people realize the importance of its value."

Gippert added that students delve into the intricacies of string music during daily sessions.

He and colleague Jason Lawe team up to instruct about 60 students who play the violin, cello, viola and string bass. Once or twice a week, the string players combine with students who play wind, brass or percussion instruments "for a full orchestra experience."

Meanwhile, being honored by the state band and orchestra association almost caught Gippert off guard. "I was very surprised. I don't look at honors that much."

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profit way," Vagnozzi said.

"This is an out and out commercial operation. This could go elsewhere. I think this sets a bad precedent."

Vagnozzi also asked a city official if nearby residents, especially those in Meadowbrook subdivision, were notified. Planning Director Dale Countegan said all property owners within 300 feet were informed as required by law. That didn't include Meadowbrook, which is on the east side of I-275.

Vagnozzi shot back: "I'm not talking about the legal requirement. I'm talking about the practical thing that should've been done."

Though Meadowbrook homeowners weren't directly notified, the Council of Homeowners Asso-

ciations knew about the request, Countegan said. Meadowbrook is represented on COHA.

City staff will look into the tax issue and invite nearby residents to the March 16 public hearing.

Aside from the color change, the cellular tower meets city ordinance. Councilman Jon Grant said he'd be willing to support the request when it comes back.

Councilwoman Cheryl Oliverio agreed but still had a problem with the white.

"I will support it if it is gray," she said. "I will not support it if it is white."

Councilman Jerry Ellis didn't believe the religious symbol is a factor, either.

"It's not my business one way or the other," he said.

Reform Party holds convention

The Michigan Reform Party will hold its spring convention Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Governor's Inn, 6133 Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing.

The convention will start at 10 a.m. to fill vacancies for delegates to the state convention and to elect two additional delegates to the state convention in each district. Also on the agenda is the organization of county committees and the organi-

zation of a state central committee which will consist of two men and two women per district. A state chairman and two vice chairs will be elected for the state central committee.

For more information, call Shar Johnson, secretary of the Reform Party of Michigan, (517) 323-2910.

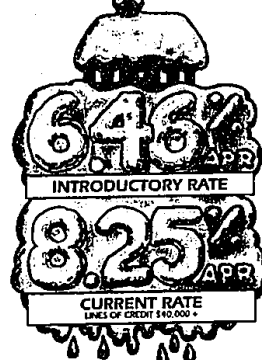
Farmington student makes dean's list

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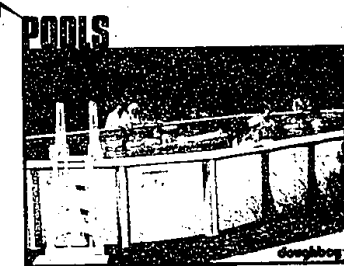
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