

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MONDAY

**Schools:** Gill Year Round School will host an open house and tour Monday for prospective students and their parents. The program, which includes an information meeting, starts at 7 p.m. The school parents and staff hope to add enrollment to ensure long-term viability. Gill is at 21195 Gill Road south of Nine Mile Road.

**City:** Farmington City Council meets Monday at City Hall at 8 p.m. On the agenda is the final reading on the zoning change for Baker Street Draperies.

### THURSDAY

## Diversity topic of student forum

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Council presents "Getting It" Thursday, Feb. 8, at 8 a.m. at the Farmington Training Center, room 1, 39000 Thomas Street in Farmington.

The meeting will run until about 9:30 a.m. and is open to the community.

This is the community's annual opportunity to interact with the students from Mercy High School and the three Farmington high schools about a variety of diversity issues.

A panel discussion involving students and parents will be held on several topics:

- Problems faced by minority students as they adjust to a new school.
- Opportunities to learn about each other.
- Access to academic and extracurricular activities.
- Cultural conflicts.
- Student interactions with community agencies outside of the schools.

The meeting Thursday is part of regular MCMR forum series during the school year. Two more forums are planned. One on March 8 at 7:30 p.m. will discuss people with disabilities. On May 10 at 8 a.m. meetings will provide an MCMR progress report.

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## Dwyer: Shooting not premeditated



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The trembling, tear-filled voice on the 9-1-1 dispatch recorded sounded more like that of a frightened child than a 16-year-old murder suspect. His sobs could be heard even before the Farmington Hills 9-1-1 dispatcher

asked, "What is your emergency?" "My dad got shot," the teen said. "Who shot him?"

"Me."  
The Harrison High School junior who made that call is now in custody and his father is dead, following an incident Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer calls a "horrible tragedy."

"This demonstrates that easy access to weapons can escalate a situation and lead to death," he said.

The boy called police to his home on Greening, near 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads at 8:34 p.m. Thursday. Officers arrived to find the victim, 50-year-old Thomas Gyori, sprawled in the hallway near a front bedroom with a .22 caliber rifle laying beside him. Gyori's son was sitting on a couch in the living room, talking with his mother-by phone, Dwyer said.

"The teen asked officers to try to save his father," Dwyer commented at a press conference Friday.

Gyori was pronounced dead on arrival at Botsford Hospital. At the time of his death, he had about a gram of cocaine in one of his pockets. Dwyer wouldn't speculate as to whether the victim was under the influence of narcotics or alcohol; toxicology reports could take as long as six weeks.

His son hasn't given a statement on the record, but after interviewing family members and friends, police believe the father may have assaulted the boy earlier in the evening. Gyori had a record of violent behavior. In 1994, he aimed a loaded shotgun at two police

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## Road relief: Two paving projects on tap

Farmington Rd. meeting is set for Feb. 26

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With plans to start the multi-million dollar reconstruction of Farmington Road this July under way, an informational meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 26.

Farmington City Manager Frank Laubhoff said all property owners - business and residential - along the two-mile stretch of Farmington soon will receive notices from the Board of Road Commissioners for Oakland County. The commissioners and cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills are co-hosting the meeting, set to take place from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 26 in council chambers at Farmington City Hall.

Phase 1 of the project, which is estimated to cost between \$6 million and \$7 million, will begin in July between Eight and Nine Mile roads. The second phase, between Nine Mile and Grand River Avenue, is slated for 2002.

The informational meeting will enable residents and business owners to get a better idea how they will

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Getting ready: Farmington DPS workers Don Rogers and Don Gould fill Farmington Road potholes with hot patch. Plans for Farmington Road's reconstruction are under way to begin in July.

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## Orchard Lake Road widening contract awarded

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Bids for the widening of Orchard Lake Road between 10 Mile Road and I-696 have come in under the engineer's estimates, but city officials still have some negotiating to do with a property owner about a retention pond.

The Road Commission of Oakland County has awarded the construction contract to Tony Angelo Cement Com-

pany of Novi, in the amount of \$6.87 million. The project will add two lanes and a median to the existing four-lane road.

Spokesperson Craig Bryson said construction should start when the weather clears, sometime in April. No detour routes will be needed, he said.

"We're not going to completely close the road," Bryson explained. "I believe we're going to keep it open, and I think traffic will be relatively unaffected."

Bryson said the county may pave the shoulder in order to maintain two through lanes or construct two of the four lanes at a time, starting with one side of the road while the other remains open. All of the necessary rights of way have been settled, he added.

The county had attempted to negotiate with one property owner, 89-year-old Landon "Woody" Woodard, who owns a two-acre parcel on the east side of Orchard Lake Road, just

north of 10 Mile Road. County officials had negotiated with him, on behalf of the City of Farmington Hills, to use about half his property for a pond to hold storm water.

The pond is needed to alleviate flooding problems downstream, particularly in the Springbrook neighborhood, city officials said.

Bryson said the county has withdrawn from negotiations and plans to

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Building for sale: VFW Commander Skip Nafe and Ira Wing will miss the VFW post building. Both men have given many hours to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

## Local VFW post closing its doors

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The end of an era began this week, as a local real estate agent listed the Broadhead Farmington Hills VFW Post's clubhouse on Orchard Lake Road.

Verna Kay of Weir, Manuel, Snyder and Ranke Realty at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road said while she appreciates the business, "It's just a real sad thing to do."

Kay's late husband was a member, so she's well aware of the club's history and tradition of service and charity. Post Commander Skip Nafe said the VFW honors a police officer and firefighter every year, sponsors kids' attendance at a youth camp, supports an orphanage in Eaton Rapids and sponsors the Voice of Democracy speech contest for high school students, among other programs.

But without active members, they couldn't exist. While the post has a healthy 200 members, only about 10 participate. That wasn't enough to even fill

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