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Storm drain work spurs higher taxes

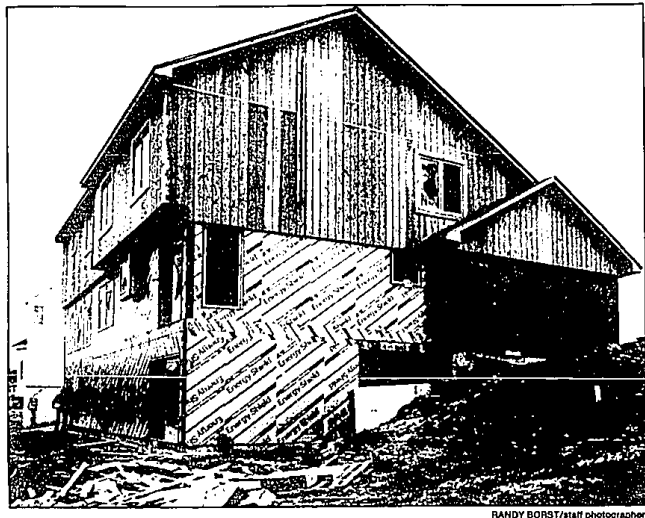
By Joanna Maliszewski staff writer

Farmington Hills taxpayers will have to dig a little deeper into their wallets in 1990-91 as they begin to pay for the city's \$16.5 million share of storm drain improvements to alleviate subdivision flooding.

The proposed budget represents an 8.3 percent increase over the 1989-90 \$26 million budget. Including the rolled back general operating tax, a decrease in debt levy and the additional 0.6-mill for storm drain improvements, this year's tax rate represents a 7.3 percent increase over last year's rate, Rosch said.

"ASSESSMENTS ARE going up. We have rolled our rate back to offset the rate of inflation. We would have more than offset inflation if it was not for the storm drain improvements," Rosch said.

must formally announce their intention to raise taxes at a Truth-in-Taxation public hearing Wednesday, May 30. The 1990-91 budget is expected to be adopted June 11.



Newly installed Pella windows in this northwest Farmington Hills house were smashed by vandals using cinderblocks and huge rocks on Sunday.

New house hit by vandalism; boys suspected

By Bob Sklar staff writer

In what the builder said "seemed like a Mother's Day massacre," huge rocks and cinder blocks were thrown through at least 20 double-pane windows in a \$50,000 house under construction in northwest Farmington Hills Sunday.

property over \$100 charges, a four-year felony. At least one is thought to live in the area. The other two are thought to be from Southfield, police said.

HAVE you had a fire experience — either a fire or a burn? Your experience may help others.

HIGH honors will go to Farmington's Gabele Pergola Project Committee, winner of one of five 1990 Greater Michigan Foundation Community Achievement Awards.

QUOTE of the week (It seemed like a Mother's Day massacre.

GOP boasts races for Senate, county seat

More election news, 11-13A

By Joanna Maliszewski staff writer

Government jobs are popular as candidates line up for their shots at state, county and judicial seats.

seat has long been held by Democrat Jack Faxon of Farmington Hills. The race for the 27th district seat on the Oakland County Commission, held by first-term incumbent Don L. Wolf of Farmington Hills, is also being contested in the primary.

draw their names. After that, remaining candidates' names will be on the ballot.

resident Alfred W. Smith Jr. The four Republican state Senate candidates will square off in the August primary. The winner will face Faxon in the Nov. 6 general election.

WOLF, a former two-term Farmington Hills city councilman, will be challenged in the primary for the Oakland County Commission 27th district seat by Farmington Hills Republican Warren R. Dolan.

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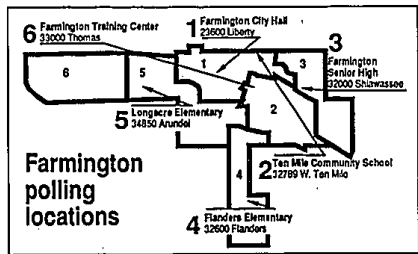
Farmington voters to pick way to pay for sewer work

By Susan Buck staff writer

It'll be a citizens' choice on Tuesday, May 22, when Farmington voters decide which funding method they prefer for a \$12-million sewer separation and improvement project.

vote," Mayor Shirley Richardson said. "This is one of the most important concerns that has troubled our citizens in recent years — especially since it is the largest and costliest project the city has ever undertaken."

man said. "We're letting people know their options. It's an opportunity for people to tell us their choice."



sewer water until it can be sent to Detroit for treatment. The project will cost each household an average of \$120-\$210 a year for the next 20 years, depending on: Whether voters approve the sale of general obligation bonds.

Residents of senior complex rap rent increases

Council reaction, 20A

By Joanna Maliszewski staff writer

Residents in Carrington Place Apartments for Seniors who don't meet income restrictions don't think they should have to pay a maximum 10-percent rent increase when they renew leases in the low-income housing project.

don't want to be victimized," said resident Jack Hickman, who said he represents other residents who want to stay in the 100-unit complex, but whose incomes don't qualify.

But Carrington Place partner Sam Yaker of Liberty Construction Co. Southfield said those who don't qualify are like residents in any other market-rent apartment complex.

ON ANOTHER front, Detroit Baptist Manor will take a third stab at becoming a state-approved market-rent apartment complex for Carrington Place on the northeast corner of Drake and Freedom roads.

Authority twice denied Baptist Manor of Farmington Hills as the company to manage the low-income apartment development.

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