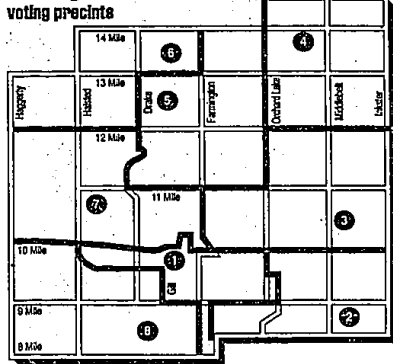


### Farmington Public Schools voting precincts



- Where to vote:**
- 1 Longacre Elementary 24350 Arundel
  - 2 William Craco Elementary 29040 Shiloh
  - 3 East Middle School 25000 Middlebelt
  - 4 Warner Middle School 30303 W. 14 Mile
  - 5 Wooddale Elementary 28600 Peppermill
  - 6 Forest Elementary 3450 Old Timber
  - 7 Hillside Elementary 56801 W. 11 Mile
  - 8 Gill Elementary 21195 Gill

## Turnout from page 1A

have come from the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, Farmington Hills city council and from economist Patrick Anderson of Richard Handlee's Farmington Hills-based Alexander Hamilton Insurance. The Farmington City Council endorsed the combining of elections. Opposition to the renewal has been sparse.

School officials contend the combined millage renewal is needed for stability and long-range planning.

Gov. John Engler's proposal to

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Director of Business Support Services  
Farmington School District

cut school property tax by 20 percent over three years only underlines their concern.

As an out-of-formula district, Farmington Public School would not be reimbursed money lost in Engler's plan.

Meanwhile, Tuesday's renewal election is top priority.

Again, the district will operate eight precincts. The increase from four precincts went into effect for June's school board election.

The doubling of precincts stemmed from voter complaints about waiting in long lines.

"Since it was the first time with the new alignment, things went very smoothly," Rothrock said. "Four precincts were just not enough for a growing population."

The polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. The board office will also be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to receive absentee ballots.

For 65 election workers, the day starts at 6 a.m. and runs until 10 p.m. if everything runs on schedule.

"It's a long day for those people," Rothrock said.

## Precincts from page 1A

Road south to 11 Mile Road west to Farmington Road, south to 10 Mile Road.

■ Precinct 4 is at Warner Middle School, 30303 W. 14 Mile, which includes that part of the district beginning at Orchard Lake Road east on 12 Mile Road to Inkster Road north to the 14 1/2 Mile marker west to Orchard Lake Road south to 12 Mile Road.

■ Precinct 5 is at Wooddale Elementary, 28600 Peppermill, which

includes part of the district beginning at Drake Road east on 11 Mile marker to Orchard Lake Road north to 14 Mile Road west to Farmington Road south to 13 Mile Road west to Drake Road south to the 11 Mile marker.

■ Precinct 6 is at Forest Elementary, 34545 Old Timber, which includes part of the district beginning at Haggerty Road east on 12 Mile Road to Drake Road north to 13 Mile Road east to Farming-

ton Road north to 14 Mile Road, west to Halsted Road, south to 13 Mile Road west to Haggerty Road south to 12 Mile Road.

■ Precinct 7 is at Hillside Elementary, 36801 W. 11 Mile, which includes part of the district beginning at Haggerty Road east on 10 Mile Road to Farmington Road, west to Gill Road north to the Farmington city limits west to M-102, northwest to Halsted Road north to 10 Mile Road west to Haggerty Road south to Eight Mile Road.

Road south to 10 Mile Road.

■ Precinct 8 is at Gill Elementary, 21195 Gill Road, which includes part of the district beginning at Haggerty Road east on Eight Mile Road to the Farmington city limits north to Nine Mile Road, west to Gill Road north to M-102, northwest to Halsted Road north to 10 Mile Road west to Haggerty Road south to Eight Mile Road.

## Counterfeiting from page 1A

textiles, learned a lot in a hurry — 37 days — and ended up bagging the biggest counterfeiter in bureau history.

Walker explained that Polo sports shirts, which usually retail for \$52.50, were the counterfeit product of choice for a British citizen who owned factories throughout the world that made uniforms for the British armed forces.

Any retailer buying Polo shirts has to buy direct from the manufacturer at a "transfer" cost of half of suggested retail. And if the shirt doesn't sell, the retailer can return it to Polo for that transfer price of \$26.25.

"If someone is selling you a Polo for less than that, it's probably counterfeit," he said.

Larry Sallen, owner of Clothes Encounters in Farmington, said his merchandise usually doesn't have the high price that would attract counterfeiters.

"Hopefully, what we're buying is legal," he said. "We deal with the same manufacturers. And they have permanent showrooms in New York, Chicago and Florida."

to be counterfeited, the country of manufacture is also at issue.

"It's more than just a fake label," Walker said. "Made in USA" indicates the highest quality. American workers are better paid; that's why these products cost more."

And since consumers are aware of the quality, and the fact that buying American helps their neighbors, putting a fake label on goods made abroad with cheap labor is a thriving enterprise.

Walker said the FBI caught the Britisher and his girlfriend, and seized a warehouse at Metro Airport full of fake Polo shirts, valued at about \$20 million. But after a judge allowed him to post

bond of \$100,000, he fled the country.

"What he did is not a criminal offense in England," Walker said. "But he didn't count on extradition."

For that reason, the man now sits in jail in England awaiting an extradition hearing.

**Tip of the iceberg**

Despite that happy ending for the FBI, it is only the tip of the iceberg.

"Many foreign governments either look the other way or even help counterfeiters," Walker said.

## Network from page 1A

ONE would take two years to implement and be ready by July 1995.

First, all 29 school districts need to commit to the project by July 1. Shepanek is asking for board resolutions by Feb. 1 in order to gauge interest.

So far, 15 boards have done so. Farmington passed a resolution supporting the plan after a video presentation on ONE at its Jan. 12 meeting.

"We're meeting less and less resistance from people who see the logic in this," Shepanek said. "This is more of an economic model than a technological one."

Proponents see technological advantages to ONE.

With an interactive video system, students can take a class taught by an instructor from another building in the county.

Distance learning would offer more classes without the cost of busing students to another facility. Farmington Public Schools already has video transmission within the district.

The fiber optic video link would allow each high school and administrative building to transmit over two lines and receive three. Local cable TV companies could distribute video signal to elementary and middle schools.

Initial costs would be for video hookup and equipment. A district can pay one lump sum — \$66,690

per building — as a single option payment for hookups. Cost is estimated at \$25,000 to \$30,000 to equip a distance learning classroom with cameras, monitors and microphones.

Enhanced data service would offer high-speed, expanded database access for an estimated 25,000 computers in the district. Connect time charges are eliminated within the network.

ONE would include discount plans offered by interexchange carriers and Michigan Bell. The network could also support a voice mail system.

Shepanek has worked seven years with Michigan Bell developing the idea.

### Products cost more

But although products like Polo shirts and Rolex watches are the higher profit items most likely

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