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request.

"I think we need to do a better job of communicating with that group of people and get them more involved," Board of Education President Cathy Webb said.

"They have so much they contribute, and I'm not talking about their tax dollars.

"Their experience and expertise they bring to us is invaluable."

Results from a survey will give school officials insights into how its going in other areas.

A systematic graduate follow-up will gauge how Farmington students perform in college. Maxfield sees students being surveyed in one, three and five-year intervals.

No comprehensive follow-up is done at present.

Maxfield said a survey would allow the district to see: How many stayed in college; if students felt they were well-prepared; and whether they stayed in the same field as when they entered college.

A subcommittee still has to decide what questions will be asked. The board is expected to discuss

the survey at its Aug. 22 regular meeting.

Bloomfield Hills School District did a community survey three years ago. Officials there are planning a follow-up in August.

In a mail and phone survey, people were asked questions about curriculum, maintenance and attendance. At least 85 percent of respondents gave the Bloomfield Hills schools an A or a B, said Community Relations Coordinator Barb Browne.

"I think it's a communications issue," Browne said. "Are we clearly and simply explaining things to people."

Parent volunteers conducted Bloomfield Hills' first survey. It's uncertain whether the district will contract with an outside firm for the next one, Browne said.

Who will do the survey in Farmington is also yet to be decided. The board would have to go out for bids if the service is \$30,000 or over.

"You also have to consider the option: Can you do it yourself?" Maxfield said.

Fiddling with the roof

Theater's not gone with the wind

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Patrons at the Old Orchard Theater in Farmington Hills almost saw an early screening of "Waterworld" as high winds yanked the roof off during a tornado-like storm June 28.

Patrons, spectators and firefighters who saw what the high winds did to the roof of the Old Orchard Theater and nearby businesses on Orchard Lake at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills just had to accept the storm as one of those things.

Hills Fire Chief Richard Marinucci said the building structure of the theater was sound, except for the roof, which was blown off June 28 at about 5:30 p.m. during a windstorm that knocked down power lines and had firefighters busy (see related story).

"There was nothing structurally wrong with the building," Marinucci said. "The damage was not

Storms keep firefighters busy

because of any weakness."

The storm spoiled the premiere of "Apollo 13" and an evening out for about 200 theater goers who also came to see "Pocahontas" and "Batman Forever."

Many were disappointed at missing the movie. Tom Hanks flick, but they were also grateful not to be injured. Those who were to see the premiere will be guests at a screening of "Apollo 13" at the Americana West Theater.

"Something always seems to happen during premieres," said Ken Druz, Universal Pictures publicist. "We had a truck run into a power pole and knock out power at the premiere of 'Dead Again.' We had a power outage for 'Batman II.' This time, for 'Apollo 13,' we had lift off at 5:30 (p.m.)."

Nearby businesses, including the Clarion Hotel and American Blind Company, also suffered damage, but not as extreme as the

The storm that took off the roof of the Old Orchard Theater on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills had Farmington Hills firefighters busy on other calls as well.

That storm followed heavy rains Tuesday when firefighters were also busier than usual.

In the June 28 storm, Hills firefighters were involved in 30 runs for the day, as opposed to the usual 14 runs. Among the runs were false alarms, downed wires, a 22-month-old locked in a bathroom, a rollover accident on M-5, a flooded basement, a transformer fire and an attempted suicide.

During the heavy rains and flooding over a four-hour period June 27, Farmington Hills firefighters made 14 storm-related runs.

There was possible lightning strikes, one was a medical emergency, two were personal injury accidents, four were for fire alarms, one involved a utility pole fire, three involved storm-related water damage and one was for an odor investigation.

Although AMIC theater representatives could not be reached for comment, Marinucci said the theater will probably be showing films soon. Construction crews were on the scene the next day and Marinucci said a temporary roof could be used while a new permanent one is being built.

Governor appoints Mark

Gov. John Engler announced the appointment of Florine Mark of Farmington Hills to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports.

Mark is president and chief executive officer of W W Group Inc., the largest franchise of Weight Watchers International Inc. She established her first franchise in 1966 and now operates franchises in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

■ FIRES
Farmington Hills firefighters from Station 2 responded to a dryer fire at a residence on Skye Drive at 9:01 p.m. June 26. The owner put out the fire, and suffered a slightly injured left hand and possible smoke inhalation. He refused medical attention. The fire was apparently caused by a faulty electrical wire. Damage was \$2,000 to property and \$500 to contents.

■ AUTO THEFTS
A black 1995 Ford Mustang worth \$14,200 was stolen from a residence on Livingston Circle in Farmington Hills June 27.
A \$12,000 grey 1993 Chevy S-10 Blazer was stolen from the lot at the Ginopolis restaurant on Middlebelt in Farmington Hills June 29.

■ SPOUSE ABUSE
Farmington Hills police arrested a Hills man, 39, for spouse abuse at his Section 9 home. His wife, 42, told police that he hit her during an argument at 8 p.m. June 27. The man had hit their two children for playing on a pool table. When the wife intervened,

she was struck.
A Farmington Hills woman, 25, told Hills police that her live-in boyfriend, 26, with whom she has a child, struck her in the face with his fist six times on June 27 at their Section 36 residence and then left for his mother's house.
Farmington Hills arrested a Hills man, 37, for throwing a glass and hitting his wife, 37, in the head, causing her to bleed at their Section 33 home. The man then took their two children to the store and was arrested when he returned. She refused medical treatment.

■ DRUGS
Farmington Hills police arrested a Westland man, 20, for possession of marijuana at the Green Hills Apartments on Green Hill in Farmington Hills at 1:10 p.m. June 27. The man was parked in a blue 1985 Chevy Cavalier away from the building and other cars and had a flat tire when officers approached. He had 3 grams of marijuana and rolling papers.
Farmington police arrested a Northville man, 20, for possession of marijuana during a traffic stop on Flight Hills Road June 29. Police stopped the 1985 Plymouth and the driver was arrested. He had 3 grams of marijuana. The driver had 2.6 grams in a sock.

■ VANDALISM
A sliding aluminum door to the storage shed of the scoreboard at the Knights of Columbus baseball field on Middlebelt was damaged \$200 June 27.
A sign at Farmington High was spray-painted with profanities June 28, causing \$300 in damage.

■ ASSAULT
A Farmington Hills woman called Farmington Hills police to report the assault and criminal sexual assault of a Detroit girl, 15, by a Hills man, 30, at the Knight's Inn on Grand River in Farmington Hills June 28. The girl told police that she ran away from home three weeks ago and was staying with the man at the hotel. After having sex, they got into an argument in which she was thrown onto the floor, hit and threatened after she tried to call her grandmother. The man left the motel and she went to another woman's room for help.

■ THEFTS
Two laptop computers worth a total of \$3,000 were stolen from AT&T on Haggerty in Farmington Hills June 27-28.
A \$231.75 21-speed mountain bike was stolen from a residence on Flanders in Farmington Hills June 25.


A Huff Stone Mountain bike worth \$150 was stolen from a Wynsett Condominium unit in Farmington June 28.

■ LIGHTNING STRIKES
Farmington Hills firefighters from Station 1 responded to a lightning strike at a residence on Manchester at 6:30 p.m. June 27. There was no fire, but the north corner of the roof and downspout had been damaged. Four circuit breakers were tripped by the lightning, which caused \$300 in damage.

Farmington Hills firefighters from Station 2 also responded to a possible lightning strike at 8:47 p.m. June 27 at a Birchwood Condos on Berrywood. The attic was charred and a box had been burned before the fire self-extinguished. An electrical cord had burned through, but there was no evidence of a lightning strike on the roof. Damage was \$1,000.

■ DRUNKEN DRIVING
Farmington police arrested a Hills man, 35, for drunken driving on Grand River near Orchard Lake. Police pulled over the 1987 Chevy Caprice at a Breech-out headlamp. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .19 percent, which is nearly twice above the state limit.

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WHEN MUSCLES WON'T MOVE

In most instances when your muscles ache the cause is stress. You worked too long in the garden, or played basketball too hard with your son. Restoring from such activities for a few days resolves the annoyance.

aching often comes from muscles under stress. In arthritis the joints that are inflamed cause stress on the muscles that move those joints. The result is pain in the muscle above and below the inflamed joint.

However, aching arises in muscles that are not under unusual stress. The source of this discomfort is an impairment in the muscle itself. Physicians have identified a group of disorders called the myofasciopathy syndrome, which often are the cause of distress. The myofasciopathy are structures within muscle that change pressure and traps into knots of energy.

Diagnosis in the processing comes to light as identified as muscle aching an normal activity and a continuous decrease in exercise tolerance. Swelling is not prominent.

Physicians can dispense this course down to the precise chemical structure, but to do so the patient may need study in medical center set for such an evaluation. Be prepared if you have muscle aches. The aches may be serious, and the resolution not a few pills away.

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Dentistry in the 90s
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THE COST OF DENTAL CARE

What the great debate over how to control rising health care costs says are, it may surprise many to learn that the cost of dental care in this country has largely remained flat since 1979. During the period between 1970 and 1979, the cost of dental care rose more than three times as fast as the average dental bill per person per year (measured in 1990 dollars) to \$121. However, since 1979, the cost of dental care has scarcely risen at all, to \$125. According to a study recently published in an issue of PHS's Health Report, the slower growth in expenditures for dental care saved Americans more than an estimated \$19 billion during the decade of the 1980s alone. At the same time, dental health has been improving dramatically. Lower costs and healthier teeth and gums have significant testimony to the benefit of preventive dentistry.

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YOUR DUE DATE
One of the first questions friends and family ask a pregnant woman is when is your due date? If a woman is sure of the starting point and figure that the fetus develops for about 266 days, or 38 weeks, however, because the date of conception can vary by as much as a week, the date of pregnancy is usually calculated from the first day of the woman's last menstrual period. Using this method, pregnancies are grouped to last 280 days, or 40 weeks. Although most women rely upon their doctors to calculate their due dates, if a pregnant woman has a regular 28-day menstrual cycle, she can estimate her due date herself. To do so, she should simply take the date of her last period, add seven days, and count three months back. That is the due date, when it most arrives.

Due dates are important for a number of reasons. Expecting mothers need to

have certain tests at specific times during the gestation period. Each month is a new month, and outside the need for the preparations. Putting up the money, shopping for maternity clothes, choosing a date for the maternity leave, and attending 3-4 classes. It's better to have the baby to start pregnancy care.

Dr. O's date is barely etched in stone. Only the baby's healthy arrival on her or his due date.

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