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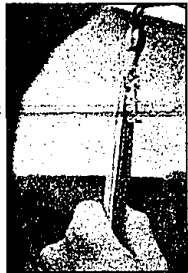
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Emotional times



Onward and upward: Ava Manee' Jackson (above) celebrates her graduation from Farmington High. On the flip side, as Harrison students (below, left) waited with bittersweet emotions to receive their diplomas, a sign in the Compupware arena seemed to fit the mood. North Farmington's Aaron Zimberg (below, right) straightens the tassel on his mortarboard just before commencement begins. For more on graduation, see Page D6.

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Voters don't show

■ Less than one percent of voters turned out for Monday's School Board election in Farmington and Farmington Hills. Incumbents Cathy Webb and Jack Inch ran unopposed.

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It was no contest for voters who showed up at the polls Monday for the Farmington School Board race.

Voters cast ballots for two open four-year seats on the Farmington School Board.

Incumbents R. Jack Inch, 71, an economics professor at Oakland Community College, and Cathy Webb, 50, a part-time retail advertising artist were re-elected.

Webb received 442 votes and Inch, 426 votes. In a district with 59,878 registered voters, 530 total ballots were cast.

Less than one percent (.89) showed up at the polls.

Inch has served continuously since 1978; Webb, since 1990.

"I'm thrilled to be re-elected," Webb said.

It was quiet at Farmington Hills City Hall where votes were tabulated, she said.

Though Webb said she loves to campaign, this year she welcomed the change at a time when one of her sons was graduating from college.

This was her first uncontested race. School records indicate there hasn't been another uncontested race since 1987, Webb said.

This was also Inch's first uncontested race.

Inch will focus on maintaining programs and quality with less funds. "This is a quality school system, not perfect, but a quality school system," Inch said.

Parents' expectations are high. "All

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Teen drag racer may be tried as adult

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The 16-year-old Farmington Hills boy who police say was racing his Chevrolet Camaro in excess of 80 mph when he hit and killed an elderly Hills couple may be considered an adult in the eyes of the court.

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office has filed a motion with Oakland County Circuit Court to have the boy tried as an adult on two counts of homicide-manslaughter with a motor vehicle, a 15-year felony; and felonious driving, stemming from the injuries to a passenger in his car.

The boy had a hearing Monday in Juvenile Court, said Bob Zivian, assistant prosecutor.

The process of requesting the adult charge involves having the boy face a preliminary exam and then a second phase where the boy will be evaluated by a psychologist to determine whether it is in the best interest of the state to be tried as an adult, Zivian said.

The preliminary exam is set for July 9 before Judge Rae Lee Chabot.

Farmington Hills police said the boy and an 18-year-old West Bloomfield man were seen by witnesses drag racing on Orchard Lake near 14 Mile on the evening of April 19.

The Camaro driven by the 16-year-old crashed into a car occupied by Barbara Gorzeck, 68, and her husband, Gerald Gorzeck, 76, a Hills couple who were returning to their condo from Detroit where they had been volunteer ushers at the Fox Theatre.

Brandon Dolly, the other driver, who did not hit the couple but police say was drag racing the 16-year-old, is also charged with two counts of homicide-manslaughter with a motor vehicle.

He was allowed to post 10 percent of a \$25,000 bond. He has a preliminary exam set in 47th District Court on Friday before Judge Maria Parker.

Sponsorships new to Founders Festival

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Hey, if the Detroit Tigers can have it with Comerica, why can't the Farmington Area Founders Fest?

The annual festival coming this July is adding a new marketing twist that so far has gone gangbusters in gaining corporate sponsorship.

New this year are title sponsors, companies and organizations whose names and logos are part of the title of certain events and stage areas.

Such as longtime supporter Botsford Healthcare Continuum. The parade this year is called the Botsford Healthcare Continuum Parade.

Or Varsity Lincoln Mercury sponsoring the Varsity Automotive Main Stage.

"We offered various naming rights to different companies for their contribution," said Suzanne Lichtman, executive director of the Farmington Founders Festival. It costs \$4,500 to be a title sponsor.

Be a part of the festival parade

Want to be a part of the fun in this year's Botsford Founders Festival parade?

Applications for parade participants are due June 21, for the July 20 event.

The parade travels through downtown Farmington on Grand River, from Uptown Plaza to Memorial Park. This year's celebrity grand marshal is Michael Skupin, from the cast of Survivor II: The Australian Outback. A former Farmington Hills resident, he is a graduate of North Farmington High.

There is no cost to participate; however, entrants are encouraged to be creative. A copy of the parade application and rules can be downloaded from the Festival's Web site, www.foundersfestival.com, or call the festival hotline, (248) 832-7257.

Flying high



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It's a Grand Old Flag: Tuesday's stiff breeze made the flag at Bob Saks car dealership on Grand River wave, despite its massive size. Find a story about flags and the patriots who fly them in our Hometown Life section, page C6.

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