Decision day delayed

On 2 city boards? You'll have to select 1

Farmington Hills board and com-mission members who were prepar-ing to resign one or more of their appointments by April 1 — as re-quired by new city policy — can re-

appointments by April 1 — 18 required by new city policy — car re-lax.

Less than a month after council members adopted a policy limiting one person to one board or commission to encourage more residents' in-volvement, they have changed it.

Councilwoman Joan Dudley told the council March 9 the may replacements that would be needed in a relatively short period of time — under the April 1 deadline. — would

be quite a birden "we would not want to folst on a mayor."

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Mayor Ben Marka.

BUT DUDLEY and she was also concerned that with the number of required appointments. There's the possibility of filterally stacking the deck with mayoral political cronles or political croditors.

Most council members agreed with Dudley that the task of finding enough qualified replacements for many existing board members—many whose names are synonymous with the particular board — would be too great.

Though the idea was eventually cast aside, Dudley suggested — with other council members' support—that each council member should be

responsible for providing the mayor with names of several potential

what names to several potential nominees.
"I think there are people out in the community... if we went searching," councilwoman Jan Dolan said.
But councilman Donn Wolf disagreed with the suggestion as well as with the policy.

"I guess I don't see the great dam-age in letting people serve on two commissions unless it's a conflict," Wolf said, adding that he doesn't see volunteers "lining up at the door" to serve on boards and commissions.

"We're going to lose a lot of good people on these commissions," he

AFTER LISTENING to suggestions on how to find replacements, Marks finally suggested reschiding the policy. Efforts, he said, would be made to achieve the one person-opsilion concept.

"I don't really have any particular way of handling this. I think we know what we have to do," Marks said.

said.
Yet, Marks acknowledged that certain long-term and active commission members "are the commission."

lon."
Other council members, however, eminded Marks that there are probreminded Marks that there are prob-ably plenty of qualified people who would be just as involved with com-mission and board work as those cur-

rently serving.
"I'm not going to shirk the job,"
Marks said.

Peggy Rhien, a Power Middle School eighth grader, was runnerup representing Farmington Public Schools in the area spelling bee March 2 at West Hills Junior High in Bloomfield Hills.

The spelling bee, for students in grades five-sight, is co-sponsored by the Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield and The Detroit News. Ten Farmington schools participated.

Top spellers from each of the participating Farmington schools included: Matt Zimmerer from Eagle Elementary, Asiles Nelson from Flanders Elementary, Melas Dutton from William Grace Elementary, Melas Dutton from William Grace Elementary Varieties and Schools and S

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PARDY BORST/Mail prescraphor Peggy Rhien, 14-year-old spelling whiz from Power Middle School, with the dic-tionary she won in the area Dunces, Julia Ritter of East and Riddle School, with Jihe dictionary she won in the area sent their school through class and grade level spelling bees, according to organizers.

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Lt. Thomas Shurtleff, training officer Rouald Schwartz and firefighet Kevin Bersche were among 110 instructors from fire departments and related agencies across Michigan who registered for the conference.

Michigan was regardered. State Rep. Francis Spaniola, D-foruma, opened the conference by saying Michigan's 30,000 firefighters should unite in presenting their fire service needs to the Legislature. The three-day program offered in-structure an opportunity to refine

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As certified instructors, the fillist of the control of the contro

scheduled through the Firelighter's Training Council and provide in-ser-vice training for the Farmington Hills Fire Department adder the su-pervision of Chief Hichard Marinuc-ci.

Bristal of cluer relation satirates

Richard Ellyson, Troy deputy fire
chief, is president of the 189-member Michigan Fire Service Instructor's Association. He figurated a
certificate of participation to Startleff, Schwartz and Bersche at the
close of the conference Feb 24.

ACCORDING TO Richard Powell,
Firefighters Training Coughi executive secretary, formal instruction in
firefighting and other energency
procedures is of increasing importance in Michigan for several reasons.

ties of the local fire chief in determining all hazardous chemicals housed or handled by manufacturers and distributors within the jurisdiction of the local fire department. After determining that hazardous chemicals are present, the fire chief must develop an emergency plan.

Also, a new bill will go before the Legislature this spring proposit that all firelighters, including chiefs and recruits, must receive a minimum of 38 bours of in-service training annually in subject matter consistent with the curriculum of the Firelighter's Training Council.

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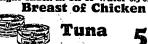
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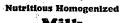




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