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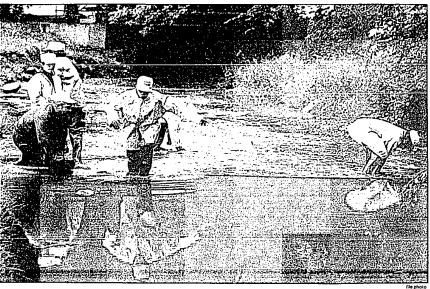
TARTING Friday to coincide with the high school graduation season, Farmington police will intensity a 2-year-old crackdown on the sale of alcohol to minors. Multi-enforcement will include sending into package liquor stores a cadet younger than 21 who will try to buy alcohol.

than 21 who will try to buy alcohol. It will include increased inspections of SDD and SDM package liquor stores and increased parties of such stores to determine if they're selling beer, whice or spirits to minors. The undercover cadet will visit restaurants and bars with Class C (liquor by the glass) licenses in future weeks. "We'll periodically conduct these operations during the year as we find the cases as we find the cocessary," police Chief

mese operations during the year as we find them necessary," police Chlef William Dwyer said. Violators will be tleketed under city ordinance and reported to the state Liquor Control Commission for license review.

"Our enforcement actions parallel the community, which won't tolerate sale of alcohol to minors," Dwyer said.

Rouge cleanup costs denounced



'Staggering' cleanup coats prompt county reaction, 9A

that would make a recent cost study on cleaning the Rouge River Irrelevant for Farmington, the city managers and Monday.

A Southeast Michigan Council of Governments report estimates that Farmington would have the third highest cost of any community in either Oakland or Wayne counties for removing raw sewage and toxic pounds and Detroit had higher projections; the cost for Farmington Hills ranked 14th on the list of 45 communities.

munities.
Farmington city manager Robert
Deadman denounced news reports
on the SEMCOG study Monday, and
sald there are viable alternatives
that would cost the city much less
than SEMCOG's estimated \$97 millian

lion. He reacted strongly to the news reports that showed Farmington near the top of the list, but gave no details on alternatives.

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Quote of the week

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—, City manager Robert Deadman, in denouncing a SEMCOG estimate placing Farmington's cost for remov-ing raw sewage and toxic pol-lutants from the Rouge at \$97 million. (See story this page).

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GREATIVE

Disinterments present glimpse of deaths past

The need to show loving care and the loss felt by earlier Farmington-area residents as they buried their dead, particularly infants and children, is evident in the decorative headstones and easkets in West Farmington Cemetery.

"There were a lot of deaths of infants and children. This (death) was something these people were aware of. They took advantage of the best juneralization available at the time," asid Charles Martinez, contract archeologist with Wayne State University, polymerosed with Wayne State

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University.

Martinez volunteered his services
last week as Bob Rock of ThayerRock Funeral Home, Farmington,
supervised the disinterment and
reinterment of 24 graves in the historic West Farmington Cemetery, onHaisted, Farmington Emetery, onHaisted, Farmington Hills.

The graves ranged from the earliest — a woman buried in 1855 — to
he latest in 1981, with the majority
of burials throughout the 1930s to
1970s. The West Farmington Cemetery, Martinez said, follows the Eu-

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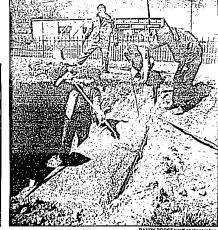
- Charles Martinez

ropean custom of a churchyard cem-etery. In 1835, the Farmington area's earliest Baptists built a church where the cemetery now stands.

"WHAT A culture or society says about its dead tells us so much about its culture, how it feels and thinks about itself," said Martinez, who worked with the Detroit Roman Catholic Archdiocese last summer in the reinterment of Solanus Casey. The Valican is considering canonization of the priest, a porter at St. Bonaventure Monastery, Detroit,







Chuck Martinez (above, left), a Wayne State University archaeologist, inspects the Wost Farming-ton Cemetery grave siles as part of a research paper he is preparing. At right, he takes a grave-depth measurement. Standling near the hole (far right) is worker Jim Wegert, Inside, with shovel in hand, is Bob Rock, owner of Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington. At top center is

Ballot shuffle

Council errs, drops 2nd proposal

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By Joanne Maliszewski stall writer

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Just when Farmington Hills voters thought they had a
Just when Farmington Hills voters thought they had a
year before facing two proposals to amend the 15-yearold city charter, there's been a change. Voters now will
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be faced with only one ballot proposal at the August primary this year.

The Farmington Hills City Council made a mistake a week ago when it agreed to put two proposals before voters in the November 1989 general election. The mistake was in the number of votes required by state law for the council to put the proposals on an election ballot.

Having to start over, the city council changed its course and timing and will put only one of the two proposals on the Aug. 2 primary ballot.

Voters will be asked in August to amend the city char-ter and allow board and commission members to main-tain their posts while seeking city council election. The current charter provision forces board and commission members to resign their posts when they file for city council election. The wording of the lone ballot proposal is expected to be presented to the council Monday, May

A SECOND proposal to amend the charter to give the council authority by ordinance to establish a mayor-applicated compensation commission to establish council salaries has been put on the back burner for now.

"It was not discussed. There were no proposals put forth," councilman Al60 Vapozzi sald.

At the May 9 council meeting, members voted a simple 4-3 majority to ask voters to make two amendments to the city charter. But state statute requires a three-fifths majority of an elected body, or tive affirmative votes, to put proposals on the election ballot.

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Trustees eye fall bond issue

Farmington school district residents this fall will vote on a \$27 million bond issue that would pay for a new elementary school and early childhood center, plus more than \$20 million in building renovations.

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Farmington school trustees gave their support to the idea Tuesday. It would not only take care of crowding on the west aide of the district, but alleviate safety dangers in the district, including asbestics in floors and ceilings.

The school board is expected to

approve bond application to the state by June 7, complete baltoi wording by July 14, and schedule an election for Sept. 13.

Deputy superimendent Michael Flanagan called the proposal an "exciting journey for Farmington schools," and said the district must create a new school as effective for students in the year 2404 oa those in 1990, the year the school would be completed.

be completed.
"That's no small task," he added.
"This is a challenge for the
board. The legacy of boards is very
often determined by the buildings