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EART to heart.
Richard Headlee,
Armington Hills
Insurance executive
who underwent a heart
transplant last October, visited
the Farmington school board
last week to talk about
financing a planned westside
elementary and other capital
improvements.

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The 1982 Republican gubernatorial candidate told trustees six of his nine children attended Farmington Public Schools. He said he and wife, Mary, have "a good feeling toward the schools."

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"And although I've had a change of heart personally," he said, "I've not had a change of heart on my feelings toward the quality of schools in this town. It's first rate."

RAISIN time.

Andrea Corridore, 15, of Farmington Hills was one of two teenagers who played the Hardee's California Raisins at

Hardee's California Raisins at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit the week of Aug. 28. She's a dancer from Sheryl's School of Dance in Livonia and has performed nationally. She hopes to one day dance professionally.

QUOTE of the week

It creates competition. We don't want other compa-nies gambling on our knowl-

Peter Bricmont, explaining why the natural gas and oil leas-ing company he works for would not release the name of the drill-ing companies it represents (see story this page).

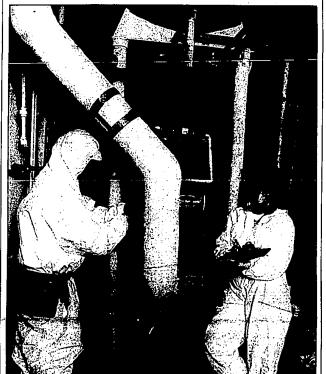
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Farmington school officials are finding it costly to remove asbestos from areas of older school buildings. They would use revenue from a proposed \$27.25 million bond issue to address safety improvements such as these as well as do other remodeling. Facilities would be upgraded in three to four years.

Economist faults schools for seeking bonds now

By Casey Hans staff writer

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Because Farmington Public Schools financial statements are not yet complete, the district cannot be sure it needs a \$27.25 million bond issue to pay for desired capital improvements, local economist Patrick Anderson charged this wask.

improper. He said the district v working with accurate, preli

pary figures.

The bond issue is to be decided

The bond issue is to be decided by voters in a special election Monday, Sept. 19. Polis will be open from 7 am. to 8 p.m. Anderson is concerned that the achool board approved the election before having all its financial information from the 1887-88 fiscal year at hand. "How can we decide on the need for a tax increase next year, when we don't even know the financial results from last year?" the economist for Alexander Hamilton Life

Insurance Co. of America, and a Farmington Hills resident, said in a prepared statement. "Until the district provides a complete accounting of their financial position, the voters cannot make an informed decision."

"We never, never have this information until October," Flanagan responded. This is not an unusual year. The board was very proper in making that decision.

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Petition drive intent: ending drilling plans

signed by residents in southwest Farmington Hills, particularly Farmington Square subdivision, dur-ing a Sunday morning meeting with the lease acquisition company at the Radisson Suites Hotel, Farmington Hills

Farmington Square resident Steve
Faine believes a Marine City natural
gas and oil leasing company is attempting to "divide and conquer'
residents to secure leases for further
gas and oil eases proporation.

At least 110 residents signed a ptilion opposing "the granting of any
oil and gas lease which would affect
respective property or commons
area of our subdivision."
Spearheading the petition drive,
resident Peggy DuPont recommends
area four strain from signing
leases. "I think people have to evalute the risks whether it's worth the
financial gain."

But at least a dozen leases were

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Lease request received coolly

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Association president Keith Davey
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sat." Much to many residents' chargrin, se homeowners association board of the homeowners association poarti or directors already signed a gas and oil rights lease for the subdivision's commons area with the Marine Citybased M.J. O'Connor & Associates Inc. The homeowners association received \$3,300 when it signed the

received \$3,300 when it signed the lease.
Residents said the board had no authority to sign the lease and that it signed without full information. In a letter to the Observer Sept. 6, some residents wrote of their anger toward the board.

"We the Farmington Square residents of 250-plus have been sold out by our board members who jook it upon themselves without our knowling the state of the sept to lease our commons area (which belongs to all of us since we are taxed equally for this property), according to the unsigned letter.

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BUT DAVEY disagrees.

State test changes raising questions among educators

By Casey Hans staff writer

Changes to the Michigan Educa-tional Assessment Program would be "nothing but a positive" for Farmington students, according to the testing coordinator for Farming-ton Public Schools.

But a school trustee who has voiced concerns about the MEAP test said that although the changes appeared positive, he hoped they would not encourage more comparison of scores between districts.

The statewide changes, proposed to begin next fall, include one new test offering and stagger grade levels for testing. With the changes, students could possibly be tested annually between grades three and 11

is still awaiting financial approval
from the state
Legislature.
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Mahalek, testing
coordinator for
doubts rev



Trailer park rezoning confounds council

After 1%-hours of die we votes, the Farmingto touncil came up empty rying to resone the le learning Trailer Park.

"I don't see legitimizing this whole thing down there," councilwoman Jeen Fox said, preferring to resone the area for cluster housing.

The mobile horse sees, the variant and the posting property, would fall under ordering requirements. Owners have presented a dist pion to-proton to add more mattle burns on the northern persons when became yould full under

Rezoning rejected