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**FOUNDERS fare.** There'll be no shortage of carnival fun at the 25th annual Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival July 8-16 in downtown Farmington. Retaining events include Kids Day, the Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant, the pie-baking contest, the antique and exotic car show and the parade. A competitive bed race to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association will debut before the parade July 16. The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce sponsors the festival.

**LANGUAGE study.** An overview of foreign language study in the Farmington Public Schools will begin this September, said trustee Janice Rolnick, who heads the school board's curriculum committee. Her committee will undertake the project this fall, after the fall board directed a language study because of changes in next year's Latin lineup.

**Quote of the week**  
Latin is not a dead language. It is alive and well and a foundation for the English language.

— Farmington Public Schools parent Carol Afferbaugh (see Bob Sklar's column, Page 14A)

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## 11 stores cited in liquor law sweep

By Joanne Maliszewski  
staff writer

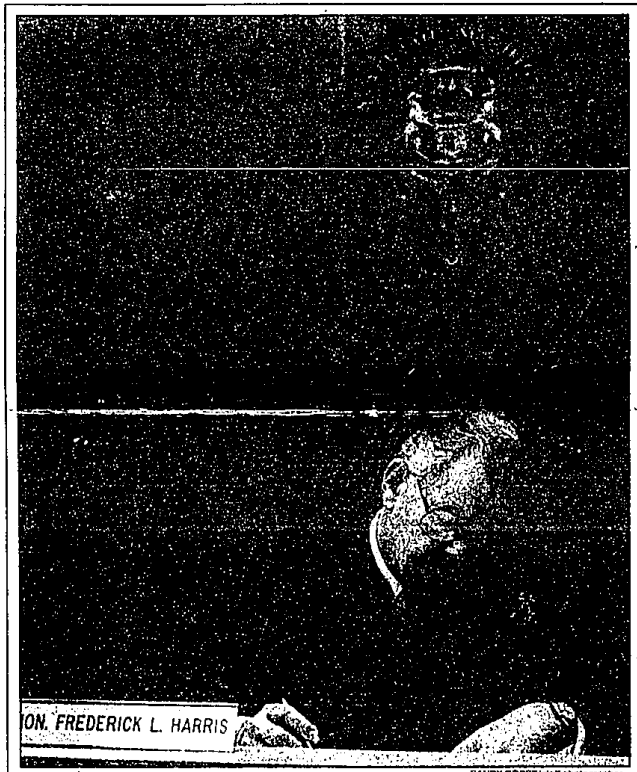
Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer says results of the department's latest undercover liquor law sweep Friday is an example of why penalties should be tougher for store owners who sell alcohol to minors. Eleven of the 33 package liquor and beer and wine dealers in Farmington Hills were cited Friday for violating state and local laws prohibiting alcohol sales to minors. "It's unacceptable for the majority of people

who were cited. It's almost, in my opinion, to the degree people were cited on other occasions, that they will continue to sell to minors no matter what. There's got to be a deterrent," Dwyer said. The department's undercover operation was the fifth such sweep since October 1986. The department uses a decoy younger than 21, the state's legal drinking age. The decoy, dressed as an average 18-year-old, does not carry identification, Dwyer said. The only store cited Friday that was not cited in previous undercover operations was

Country Ridge Market, 31102 Haggerty. Other stores cited are: Warren Prescriptions, 32910 Middlebelt; Farmington Party Store, 29450 10 Mile; Convenient Food Store, 24405 12 Mile; Farmington Hills Market, 24233 Orchard Lake; Mid-Nine Market, 22200 Middlebelt; Tom's Party Store, 20925 Inkster; Five Brothers, 29010 Eight Mile; Last Stop Party Store, 29154 Grand River; Perry Drugs, 30830 Orchard Lake; and Great Scott, 25740 Middlebelt. PERRY DRUGS spokesman Berl Falbaum said selling to minors is a serious issue for the

drugstore chain. "The employee (who police cited) will be fired. We want to be sure our employees comply with the policy and programs. Unfortunately, occasions of this kind will happen," Falbaum said. The chain has an extensive training program for employees, he added. As with past liquor sweeps, police cited stores under both state and local liquor laws. "We feel the Michigan Liquor Control Commission is being too soft in administering the

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## Bench work

The Hon. Frederick L. Harris took the 47th District Court bench in Farmington alongside veteran Judge Margaret Schaeffer June 1. Harris, 58, is a retired Marine Corps lieutenant colonel and a former Wayne County

assistant prosecutor. The Farmington Hills resident fills the rest of Judge Michael Hand's fourth six-year term, which expires Jan. 1, 1991. Hand, 70, retired April 30.

## Study looks at options for Haggerty Road

By James Radebaugh  
staff writer

Haggerty Road is already overused and "without improvements, complete breakdown of the system is anticipated," according to a recent state study. A 300-page environmental impact statement released by the Michigan Department of Transportation describes the options for completing the Haggerty Road connector, a project that was the subject of a public hearing Wednesday in Novi. The report, released last month by the department, assesses the financial and environmental costs and benefits of several options. The project is intended to relieve traffic congestion along the north-south corridors between I-96 and the area

north of Maple Road. The transportation department will accept comment on the statement until July 10, according to Andy Zeigler, a department resources specialist.

- COPIES OF the statement can be obtained from the Michigan Department of Transportation in Lansing.
- The options described are:
- To take no action
  - To provide access to Haggerty from the three freeways at a point north of 13 Mile and improve Haggerty from that point north to Pontiac Trail
  - To build a new road running north and south about a quarter mile west of Haggerty to link the free-

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## Library system now on its own

By Joanne Maliszewski  
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It's official. The Farmington Community Library can become more financially independent with its new taxing authority. Gov. James Blanchard's May 22 signature on a package of library reforms immediately offers district libraries greater independence by giving them a financing option other than relying on annual budget allocations from municipalities. "Philosophically, this is very important legislation. It's important, but not just for us. It does give the impetus for what our library trustees would like to do for the library's future. But it will have substantial effect on many smaller libraries throughout the state," said Beverly

Papal, library director. The package of bills revises the 1955 statute creating district libraries, enacted to create the Farmington library system, the state's first district library system. Independence and taxing authority open the door for Farmington Community Library trustees to ask voters Nov. 7 for a multimillion-dollar bond proposal and accompanying operating levy to build a new main library. Any voter-approved tax levy would also support the downtown Farmington branch, 23550 Liberty. A proposed 78,000-square-foot new main library would replace the cramped 28,000-square-foot Farmington Hills library, 32737 12 Mile.

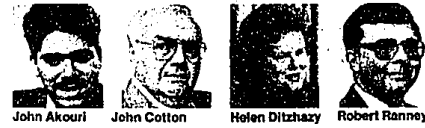
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## Cotton rejects request to pull out of race

On the stump, 6A

As campaigning for two Farmington school board seats reaches a peak this week, criticism has been aimed at incumbent John Cotton, whose son is the school district attorney.

Resident Lorne Leon directed his comments to the candidate at Tuesday's school board meeting, saying he did not believe the relationship was proper. He asked Cotton to withdraw from Monday's school board race. Cotton responded by saying his son represented the school board long before he was elected to his first term four years ago. "I will not withdraw from the election, of course," he added. Both incumbent Cotton and attorney J. Kingsley Cotton received verbal support from other board members. "I see nothing wrong at all — I see no conflict at all," said trustee Janice Rolnick. School records show any time board action has centered on the attorney, John Cotton has abstained from voting. J. Kingsley Cotton, who originally



worked as an associate of former school district attorney Robert Kelly of Farmington, has done legal work for the school system since 1981. Now a partner with the Birmingham law firm of Denton, Bartsch and Cotton, he assumed the role of assistant attorney for the district in June 1988. FOUR CANDIDATES will vie for two seats on the Farmington Board of Education on Monday. The two top vote-getters will win four-year terms on the non-partisan board, which has seven members. Running are: Cotton, 85, retired athletic director and small business owner from Farmington; first-term incumbent Helen Ditzhazy, 62, a professor and lifelong educator from Farmington Hills; challenger John Akouri, 23, a graduate student from

## Farmington Public Schools voting precincts

