e Elementary School is on Peppermill, west of Farmington Road, north of 12 Mile.

# Alleged sex assault probed

Continued from Page 1

The identity of the employee could not be confirmed, nor could the school department in which he

could not be confirmed, nor could the school department in which he works.

ON WEDNESDAY, Wooddale principal David Coffin mailed a letter borne explaining the situation to parents.

The situation also was discussed the standard with parent at a regular meeting, attended by Zurvalee, district personnel director Robert Coleman and police Inspector Thomas Godwin.

At that meeting, the district released a statement explaining the allegation was made, the employee was lemporarily removed and the employee was 'willingly cooperating with all the investigations."

To believe, as do the police, you should not worry about the safety of your child at Wooddale." He also

'When a very serious charge is made against an employee, we, in effect, remove them from the workplace until our investigation is completed.'

— Sue Zurvalec employee relations director

explained the "sexual misconduct" allegation and the employee's temporary removal.
"I think what's key in this situation is the district's policy that the employee is removed from the situation — even if the person is inno-ent," Coffin Said,

COFFIN PLANS to handle parent calls and questions individual-

ent calls and questions individually, as they arise. "Because of the cooperation I've received from the central office and Farmington Hills police, I have really been able

to keep this school in a stable condition," he said.

Zurvalee said the district is interviewing people involved with the situation including the person making the accusation, the employee and any witnesse. "We follow a due process procedure," she said.

There is no timeline on completing the investigation. "It's important we not try and burry it and that we be thorough," she said.

Staff unrier Bob Sklar contributed to this report.

### Parent lauds handling of situation

Wooddale Elementary parent Bev Bahr is pleased with how prin-cipal David Coffin, the school dis-prict and the police are handling the alleged sexual assault at the

school.
"The police responded, the district responded. Everything was answered," she said. "I think they're doing as much as they can."

Forum helps

avoid illegal

liquor sales

As part of a citywide crackdown on the sale of alcohol to minors. Mayor Terry Sever has invited all owners and employees of Farmington Hills liquor license establishments to a community forum Wednesday.

The forum will begin at 7:30 p.m. it has city council deambers in the

in the city council chambers in the city hall, 31555 11 Mile, at Orchard Lake Road.

Sever will unveil two new con-

tepts.
The first, "Operation Coopera-

The first, "Operation Coopera-tion," is a partnership among licen-sees, the city council, the police and Farmington Public Schools' adminis-tration and students. Sever will em-phasize the responsibility of each of the partners in this cooperative ef-

fort.
Police Chief William Dwyer will
outline the second new concept, a
law enforcement effort known as the

law entorcentes.

"reverse stips, misdemeanor ticket to minors who use fraudulent or altered identification, or who unlawfully represent or display the driver's license of another, in the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

The Botsford Inn

Come Visit Soon! and River at Eight Mile Farmington Hills, MI (313) 474-4800

י יין ליכיל לילוטרלתש.

PLORE AND ENJOY.

PTO president Diane Hagen said her group could only offer parental support and an open ear.

"I can't answer anything about how I feel about this," she said.
"Children always need to be pro-tected — they need to be the focus. It's a tragedy for this employee, re-gardless of how this turns out."

Hagen said her group has con-

tacted an abuse reaction clinic in hopes of having a representative attend a fature FTO meeting to inform parents about how to deal with similar situations.

As part of a letter to Wooddan parents following the alleged assault, Coffin included a list of preventive measures to belp thwart the sexual abuse of children.

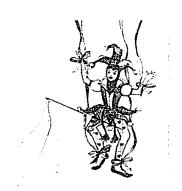
## We would like to announce the addition of Robert, Lori and Sandy, formerly of a la coiffure, to our staff

We welcome their friends and customers to call for an appointment at 476-7171

SAGONA'S

19151 Merriman Road (Vilage Fashion Mail) Livonia

to Theology and with SAR STEACH plantality (septemble) and particles



### DEDE COLLECTION SHOW

NOVEMBER 13 through 25 BIRMINGHAM STORE FOR THE HOME

DeDe Ogden, a noted California designer, has put together an exclusive showing of unique needlepoint designs and subjects. DeDe presents works ranging from 3" ornaments to 3' rugs all noted for their exquisite shadings and colorings. For anyone who appreciates fine needlepoint works this is a "must see"!

Jacobson's

## School suit claims state cuts violate Headlee rule

Farmington school trustees have authorized their attorneys to sue the state over what they believe to be a violation of the Headlee Tax Limita-tion Amendment.

tion Amendment.

Under the amendment, "the state could not reduce support given to local schools," said acting superintendent Michael Flanagan, in recommending the move. "It's clear they have. They're in violation of the amendment."

Farminator's with "".

amendment."
Farmington's suit will allege the state has underpaid the district for mandated programs since 1978, when the Constitutional amendment was approved by Michigan woters.
Farmington joins some 40 other than the suit of the su

Attoracy Dennis Pollard, who will represent the district, stressed that Farmington would not join a class action suit, but will file an individual suit, which could regain more than \$1 million the state has not paid farmington since 1978. The suit will not ask for a specific dollar amount.

not ask for a specific dollar amount.

Any Headlee-related trail, Pollard
added, is filled in the Court of
Appeals and not in a county circuit
court. Also different is that the suit
is being filled on behalf of the "taxpayers" of the district, using trustees
names and not that of the district.

"To the revert test desired files and

"To the extent you don't file each year, you lose more funding based on a statute of limitations argument," Pollard told the board. "You're going to lose each year."

THE VOTE to move ahead with the lawsuit was unanimous when ap-proved Nov. 7, but trustee Janice Rolnick said she wondered where the state would get the money to pay such a large settlement if all the dis-

#### Wixom No. 7

Wixom is the seventh city to join the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oak-land County.

The authority was born of an original consortium that has studied trash pick-up, disposal and recylling measures since August 1987.

Farmington City Council members approved the addition Nov. 8.

ment.—

The Farmington Hilfs-based Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co.

Richard Headee and the Tarapayers

United for the Michigan Constitution
— a watchold group — said he believes the state does have the money.

"The state has a rainy day fund of over \$300 million," he said. "Obviously, the money is there." He had form to voice support for the 
board's action.

Farmington rustees decided to 
join the statewide effort following a 
report by Pollard, who direct should get inreport by Pollard should be said. "Obviously, the money is there." He had 
board that Farmington's situation 
the state's funding for categorithat the state's funding for category 
reduced. The special situation in the state of the sum of the said of the Supreme 
Court.

"It is our opinion that your school 
district will be entitled to recover 
Follard said in his report to the 
beard that Farmington's situation 
that the state's funding for category 
the state's funding for category 
that the state's funding for category 
the state's funding for the sense 
that the state's funding for category 
the state's funding for category 
the state's funding for category 
the state's funding for the sense 
that the state's funding for category 
the state's funding for category 
the state's funding for category 
the state's funding for the sense 
that the state's funding for the s

Pollard agreed that there's no fund of money at the state level to possibly pay the \$100 to \$100 million that would be needed if all the districts are successful.

"The state's just going to have to adjust," he said.
But Joel Wittenberg, representing the Farmington Hills-based Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. Richard Headlee and the Tarpayers funited for the Michigan Constitution— a watchdog group— said be believes the state does have the money.



NAME
ACCRESS
CITY

TO TELEPHONE
NUMBER of Close 1

Cent data required

For tall arms

To the form of t

Orders must be received by November 25th For further information, piesse call \$61-7430

### JEWELRY REMOUNT

November 18

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fine Jewelry Salon

Livonia

Select from a

splendid array of

precious and

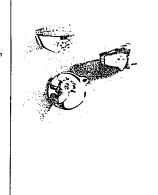
semi-precious cemstones to be

placed into fine

custom-designed

mountings for

men and women.



**Jacobson's**