#### Tax for schools

The Feb. 5 special election for two millage increases-is designed to offset the loss of \$5.8 million taken through state legislation. Passage of the second priposal is contingent on passage of the first. Property owners of a \$100,000 home with a State Equalized Value of \$50,000 would pay an additional \$135 a year if the first proposal is passed - \$185 if both are approved. The language of the proposals is shown below.

### Proposition 1

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Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be imposed on all property in the Farmington Public School District be increased for a period of ten years, beginning July 1, 1991, by two and seven tenths (2.7) mills on each dollar (\$2.70 per \$1,000) of state, equalited valuation to the used for defraying a portion of the operating expenses of the school district?

#### Proposition 2

In the event proposition 1, above on this ballot, is approved at this election by a majority of the votes cast on proposition 1, then in addition to the millage increase to the millage increase approved in proposition 1, shall the limitation on the total amount of tuxes which may be imposed on all property in the Farmington Public School District be increased for a period of ten years, beginning July 1, 1991, by 1,0 mill on each dollar (\$1.00 per \$1,000) of state equalized valuation for the purpose of renovating, expanding and repairing existing buildings in the school district?

Source: Farmington Public Schools

# Tax campaign stirs emotions

240 parents called Friends of Farm-ington Schools, who are working for passage of both proposals. A number of members attended Monday's meeting to offer support, offering Flangan a standing ovation at the end of his presentation.

MUCH OF the information of-fered Monday was a repeat of items discussed at school board meetings during the past several montis. Some highlights offered by Flanagan include:

• Money from the 2.7 mills is needed to make up for: the \$5.8 mil-lion recaptured by the state last summer, projected student increases and the new teachers and costs relat-ed to that, and imms in a number of aunimer, projected student increases and the new teachers and costs related to that, and jumps in a number of areas including insurance and gasoline costs. Finangan said the distraction of the state o

Mow the proposed capital money from the second proposition would be used has not yet been determined, but Flanagan said a continued building upgrade program is necessary. "We didn't want to tie the hand of a future superintendent, A tuture board."

• If the millage measures fall, a total of 166 employees will be laid off including 26 sustodial and maintenance employees. The employee Layoffs would equal about 13 million in savings, and Flanagan said he would be "a major proponent for reducing transportation" costs.

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the district had "understated" the upcoming election, because of that cagle eye from the community. He pledged the district would "not be intimidated" in future elections by the visible anti-publicity campaign which has plagued this effort. "We have tied our hands," he said. "We will not handle this campaign this way again."

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THE DISTRICT continues to take a pounding from anti-militage factions in the community, including new advertisements this week from Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of Farmington Hills, whose chairman Richard Headlee and other employees are incensed over rising property taxes and how they are impacting the average taxpayer. The company pays \$60,000 per year in local taxes, and fleadlee said the new militage would mean another \$141,000 per year for them.

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"They don't have to even tighten their belt — they just have to stay on the same notch," added economist Patrick Anderson, an Alexander Hamilton spokesman and Farmington resident who has been vocal in his opposition.

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Ironically, Headlee has championed the causes of education funding on a state lovel, where he wants the issue to be rectified. He has said he does not want local taxpayers to foot the bill because the issue is not being handled by state legislators.

Another group of "several dozen residents," Citizens for Quality Schools headed by parent Richard DeVries, will be blanketing the com-munity this weekend with anti-mil-

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### Speaking out

Forest Elementary students (from left) Jason and Melissa Klein, Dana Kaplan and Katle Murphy want everyone to know their opinion on the upcoming school millage election Tuesday. They've started a T-shirt campaign with the slogan "51 cents a day?

I'm worth it. Vate 'yes' Feb. 5." The price re-flects the cost to the average taxpayer should both Proposition 1 and 2 pass. The children's parents paid for the shirts, done by Brody's in West Bloomfield.

# Hills deputy police chief rescues choking victim

cer said, adding it was the first time he ever used the technique, which he learned quite a few years ago.

When restaurant patrons saw Palmer was OK, they gave Spencer a round of applause. Palmer then went back to work.

"A thank-you is so small. I thank God he happened to be there. There is nothing I can say to express my thanks. How can you express how you fee!" said Palmer, who said she gave Spencer a hug after the ordeal.

PALMER RECALLS eating in a

A Doctor's Care

Ken Borieo at the Brass Pointe Thursday

PALMER RECALLS eating in a king of the production of the productio Thursday.

Before Dwyer left for the restaurant he asked Spencer to Join him Spencer declined, saying he brought a frozen meal for Janch. But when he went to put it in the microwave. Spencer found it had already thawed and had possibly spoiled. He Joined Dwyer about 20 minutes after the chief left for Junch.

### Hills resident has beef with Wendy's

Commonder from Frustration), Mell learned that the city ordinance does not address access to the the parking spots on private land. It only states that businesses must delegate specific spots for the handicapped.

"There's no mandate that deals with clearing those spots," Cranston said. "Our hands are tied, We can't tell

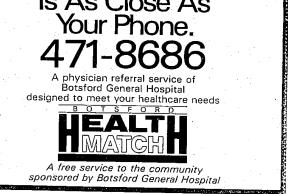
Cranston said that the police department contacted city attorney John Donohue last November about mak-ing changes in the ordinance and Donohue is apparently doing the research.





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