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## Millage shot down; cuts coming

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A total of 10,515 voters jammed Farmington-area polling places Tuesday, soundly defeating two school millage proposals and prompting the district to swear in more election workers to handle the crowds.

A number of programs will be cut because of the loss and 106 Farmington school employees will lose their jobs as of July 1, said superintendent Michael Flanagan.

Cuts will include 29 custodial, 40 paraprofessional and 37.5 teaching posts; many of the teaching cuts will be made to recently hired teachers at Highmeadow and Hillside elementary schools. Class sizes throughout the district will be increased.

According to unofficial vote tallies, the first proposal for an additional 2.7 operating mills was defeated by a vote of 6,139 to 4,108. The second proposal, which requested one additional mill for capital projects, was defeated by an even larger margin with 6,597 voters saying no and 3,672 casting votes in favor.

The district has not had such a large turnout for an election since 1975, said assistant to the superintendent Pamela O'Malley. Voter turnout was 21 percent.

Only Precinct 3 at Warner Middle School carried a "yes" vote for Proposition 1.

FIGURES WERE released Wednesday by Farmington Hills city clerk Kathy Dornan, who worked well into the early morning hours to tabulate the results for the school district.

Flanagan said although disappointed by the loss, he was pleased with the high voter turnout and the large number of "yes" votes. "In any other time in our history, 4,000 votes plus would have won," he said. Flanagan said he will not recommend another millage vote.

"The community has spoken, so we'll go ahead and do it (make the cuts), but reluctantly," added school board president Susan Hennels.

Flanagan and administrators are scheduled to begin discussing areas of cuts Monday, while school board members will talk about the impact at their meeting Tuesday night.

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Charlene Baldwin of Farmington Hills votes Tuesday at the Farmington Training Center precinct in the special Farmington Public Schools election with her daughter, 11-month-old Mary.

Charlene's husband, Mel Baldwin, is a custodian at Hillside Elementary.

SHARON LAHEUX/Staff Photographer



**S**ISTER Bridget Maier, a Roman Catholic nun at Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows, is no supporter of the Persian Gulf War.

She is concerned, however, about the welfare of the relatives and friends of the Farmington-area men and women who are serving in Operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia.

That why Sister Maier and friend Beverly Kimbro want to form a support group for the loved-ones at home. No such group exists in the Farmington area, they think.

"I'm not supportive of the war at all," said Sister Maier, a Dominican sister, "but I am very supportive of those who are involved in it."

While Kimbro, a Farmington Hills resident, doesn't share Sister Maier's anti-war sentiments, she does want to do something to help the families of the military people.

"I feel helpless and I want to do something," said Kimbro, a former manager of a truck dealership.

The support group, if formed, would have nothing to do with the church, Maier stressed.

Anyone interested in the group should call Kimbro at 476-7848.

**L**OCAL COLLEGE students take note: You can meet "one-on-one" with prospective Michigan employers during the seventh-annual Michigan Collegiate Job Fair (MCJF) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, March 22, at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

Some 140 employers from across the state are expected to attend the fair, which is co-sponsored by Wayne State and Eastern Michigan universities. The event offers an opportunity for students to meet with many companies to interview for entry-level positions.

To register for the fair, students must complete the Job Fair Data Form in the new MCJF brochure available at college placement offices, or by writing to Michigan Collegiate Job Fair, Wayne State University Placement Services, Detroit 48202.

Fair coordinator Kay Kozora of WSU's Placement Office says students may be prescreened by employers. If they submit their forms by Wednesday, March 6.

Once the fair is over, employers will receive a disk containing the names of all participating students. "We expect a lot of follow-up activity after the job fair," Kozora says.

Admission registration is \$10. On-site registration is \$20. Free parking is available. Additional information may be obtained by calling WSU's Kozora at 577-3390, or by contacting local placement offices.

The Orchard Ridge campus is south of I-696 between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads.

**M**EMORY LANE From the Feb. 8, 1951, Farmington Enterprise.

The Farmington March of Dimes campaign for 1951 directed by Lucille Delmonico, came to an end with \$1,551 collected. Hot cross buns were baked fresh every Wednesday and Friday at the Farmington Bakery, 33250 Grand River.

## Parent: Headlee broke campaign laws

Related editorial, 14A

By Casey Hans  
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A Farmington Hills parent, upset with a high-profile campaign waged against Tuesday's school

millage by Richard Headlee and his company, is filing a complaint with the state charging they violated campaign finance laws.

Tim Jensen, a parent activist and member of the pro-millage Friends of Farmington Schools political action committee, said she sent her complaint via registered mail to Lansing Monday, the day before a special school election which asked

for more operating millage.

Jensen contends money spent on advertisements and a mailing signed by Alexander Hamilton Life chairman Headlee and vice president Thomas Rutter went well over the spending limits set by the state's Campaign Finance Act and regulations.

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## Hood ornaments specialty of teen vandals, police say

By Joanne Maliszewski  
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One of the larger ones, an ornament for the Dodge Ramcharger, had to be ripped out of the truck's hood.

A Mercury Cougar emblem had to be torn out of the car's front grille. Others were removed off the hoods of cars by snipping retaining wires.

"They had to pry a hole through the hood," said Detective Bert Cook of the Farmington Hills Police Department's juvenile section.

Cook wants to return the more than 200 car hood ornaments, emblems and decals from General

"Someone was saying girls are making earrings out of the smaller ones."

Detective Bert Cook

Motors, Ford, Chrysler, Dodge and foreign cars to their rightful owners.

Five youths, ages 13 and 14, are being questioned by police for damaging cars and removing the ornaments, emblems and decals in the past six weeks in the 10 Mile-Orchard Lake Road area in Farmington Hills.

TWO OF THE teens will be charged through the Oakland County Probate Court's juvenile division. Charges against the others are pending as the investigation continues, Cook said.

"They were not using them for barbering or anything like that."

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Detective Bert Cook of the Farmington Hills Police Department's juvenile section displays a Mercury Cougar emblem that was ripped off of a car.

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## Marking the big six-five

Officials celebrate Farmington's 65 years as a city

By Casey Hans  
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Entreat community leaders and residents to "remember the accomplishments of our past and the brightness of the city's future," Mayor Shirley Richard said at a birthday cake celebrating Farmington's 65 years as a city Monday.

She also called for a special city council subcommittee to begin studying how the community could best celebrate the 125-year anniversary of Farmington becoming a village in 1926.

"This is really going to involve the entire Farmington community," she said at a reception Monday night. "We are really steeped in history and community pride."

"I think the community has weathered the last 65 years very well," said City Manager Robert Deakin. The actual anniversary of Farmington celebrated on Feb. 15, when residents can celebrate adoption of the first city charter in 1926. First set up as a village in 1901, the city charter was amended in 1904 to a city manager form of government.

THE CITY'S archives show that records of expenses, salaries, fire runs, water bills and other items were kept for more than two decades in one ledger book. There it showed the police department with a motorcycle, an old-fashioned mutual aid pact with Farmington firefighters handled adjoining Farmington townships fire calls, and employee Herman Kruger's salary of \$700 paid twice monthly.

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