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Schools brace for more bad news

City fears state action, 2A

By Casey Hane
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Farmington school officials are already preparing for major program cuts, as state legislators debate a plan which could cost the dis-

trict \$24.6 million over the next two years.

The district was hit with \$5.8 million in state cuts last summer and is facing between \$5.8 and \$8.8 million this summer in state recapture.

Trustee Jack Inch likened the impact of a \$24.6 million cut to the sinking of the Titanic.

"I am concerned that you and your children are all passengers," he said.

"We are getting less and less money every year from the state since I've been sitting on the board, and we have come to push and shove."

At a preliminary budget session Tuesday designed to discuss specific cuts in the Farmington district, talk surrounded ongoing activity in Lansing and what it would mean to the district if a property assessment freeze were put into place.

The Senate has already approved the measure and the House was still debating it Wednesday.

"This just shakes me to the core," said superintendent Michael Flanagan. "This is the most poorly put together piece of legislation. We will be the laughing stock of the country. If this passes."

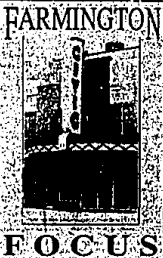
He added, "We've struggled for

months to bring before you what we would do for \$6 million (in cuts)."

FLANAGAN AND a dozen other superintendents from Oakland County spent Tuesday lobbying in the halls of Lansing.

The school chiefs attempted to pull legislators out of session and

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GIGANTIC Garage Sale screams the flyer seen around town. The event will be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 20/21, the Swedish Club, 2209 Ruth Street, corner of Freedom Road, Farmington Hills. Food will be available.

LET'S GO Networking... it's the second annual Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce business show April 30 to May 2 at the Mercy Conference Center in Farmington Hills.

The chamber is still accepting exhibitor reservations from both space for the show — Networking '91.

More than 50 exhibitors from all areas of business are expected to participate and attract about 3,000 visiting business leaders and decision-makers from southeast Michigan.

Scheduled events are: a page preview party, 2:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, and a luncheon with guest speaker, Pete Waldmeir, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1.

Show hours are 1:30-5 p.m. May 1, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 2. No admission will be charged.

Anyone interested in reserving a booth, ordering tickets or general information about the show can call the chamber at 474-2460.

TENNIS ANYONE? Officials of the Farmington Community Center hope lots of people answer in the affirmative.

The Community Center hopes to net a dollar or two through a tennis party fund-raiser 1:30-5 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Farmington Tennis Club, 2277 Farmington Road, north of Nine Mile.

A variety of mini tennis lessons, open court time, food and refreshments are planned.

Registration before Wednesday, April 24, is \$14. After that, the fee jumps to \$18. Proceeds benefit The Community Center and the registration fee is tax deductible.

For more information, call The Center at 477-8404.

MEMORY LANE — From the April 25, 1991 Farmington Enterprise:

• Jerry Plum pitched a three-hitter to head Farmington High past Clareceville, 8-3, in the prep baseball opener for the Falcons.

• A fire believe started from an oil stove destroyed a two-family residence at 29934 Eight Mile Road. No one was injured, but two families — Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Davis and their five-month-old daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Buchin and their 7-year-old daughter — were left homeless.

• Attractions at the Civic Theatre were "Born Yesterday" with William Holden and "Payment on Demand" with Bette Davis.

• Pork loin roast was on sale for 39 cents a pound at the C.F. Smith grocery store in Farmington.

• Floyd and Grace Nichols celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their son Human Nichols and his family at a dinner at the Botsford Inn.

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SADD stories at Mercy

Rich Archuleta and Dave Rowe never thought it would happen to them. But it did, and Tuesday they came to Mercy High School in Farmington Hills to tell their stories about drunken driving. Archuleta, shown above greeting junior Jill Wright of Farmington Hills, and Rowe were involved in drunken-driving accidents and will be in wheelchairs for the rest of their lives. Archuleta, riding a motorcycle, broke his back in an accident with a drunk driver. Rowe was driving drunk when he had his crippling accident. "He (Archuleta) had a really receptive au-

dience," said Jonell Linskey, Mercy's dean of students. "He incorporated humor with tragedy. He wanted us to know that, without this suffering, his life would not be as full as it is today." Archuleta and Rowe — part of a national auto safety program known as "A Fine Line" — are appearing at several Detroit-area high schools. The tour is sponsored by the Michigan Association of Insurance Companies and the schools' Students Against Driving Drunk chapters.

'A modern-day hero'

Nazi-hunter Klarsfeld visits local synagogue

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Beate Klarsfeld describes herself as an ordinary person. A wife. A mother. But many see the German-born Christian and one of Europe's foremost Nazi-hunters as a modern-day heroine.

"I certainly am nothing special," Klarsfeld said Tuesday before members of the Sisterhood of Adat Shalom Synagogue at its Spring Donor Day, a fund-raiser that allows members to help various activities and programs of the Farmington Hills synagogue.

Ordinary is probably not how members of the Sisterhood would describe Klarsfeld. She began her search for Nazis as a young woman in the 1960s when she met her Jewish husband, Serge, after she left Germany and moved to Paris, where she still lives.

"The image doesn't fit the person," said Sisterhood member Judy Leder of Farmington Hills. "She is so soft-spoken, yet so committed."

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Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld (right) chats with Sherry Margolis of West Bloomfield before Klarsfeld's talk at Adat Shalom Synagogue's Spring Donor Day Tuesday in Farmington Hills. Margolis introduced Klarsfeld to the gathering.

Parents: Students need help, not labels

By Casey Hane
staff writer

Some Farmington-area parents are concerned that their children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder could be labeled as "special ed" unnecessarily.

Sandi Swerdlen, a Farmington Hills parent with a son at Wooddale Elementary, is concerned about a recent federal ruling that requires the dis-

trict to give special attention to ADHD, sometimes called Attention Deficit Disorder.

"It really bothers me that my child might be labeled," she said. "I think ADD needs to be more recognized, but not as special ed. Now we're not only going to put our kids on Ritalin, but we're going to label them, too."

JAN RICHARDS, special education director for the Farmington district, said she has had a num-

ber of calls from parents who have concerns similar to Swerdlen's.

Parents involved with the advocacy support group, Children with Attention Deficit Disorders or CHADD, say they aren't concerned about labeling as much as they are about getting help for their children. The disorder is believed to be neurological in nature and prevents a child from properly filtering and sorting information.

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Pink slips for 84

By Casey Hane
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Up to 84 Farmington teachers could be gone from the district next fall because of cost-cutting measures, and another 36 teachers face involuntary transfers to other jobs.

Pink slips were sent out this week to 84 members of the Farmington Education Association, advising them of their layoff as required by the union's contract with the district, according to action taken by the school board Tuesday night. Personnel director Robert Coleman said the district will call back what teachers it can starting in June; others will likely face a permanent hiatus. Another 36 teachers are on a list to be transferred to other jobs within the FEA unit because of the layoffs.

And the change will affect class sizes and offerings, especially in low-enrollment high school courses.

"There's no doubt it's going to make a difference in (curriculum) offerings," Coleman said Tuesday. "It's going to have a profound effect — it's just something we can't overcome."

Coleman estimated the layoffs would mean an average increase of 1 1/2 students per class with some elementary classes having up to 30 students.

The district originally had 87 teachers on the layoff list, but bumped that number up to 84 after

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