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Here are some of the 104 stun guns seized by police in the background is capable of discharging about 200,000 volts. couple on Wakefield early Thursday. The larger

Hills cops seize stun guns

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from their assailant with one of these (stun guns)," Godwin said.

But in Michigan stun guns are illegal to possess and sell, for both citizens and police. The same goes for

Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island.

A citizen can possess a stun gun in California as long as it's in his/her home or business. It cannot be carried in public. They are also legal in Illinois, Connecticut, where a permit is required, and Florida and North Dakota where concealed weapons permits are required.

31 adult graduates get diplomas

Thirty one adults graduated this year through the Farmington Public Schools Adult Education program.

Graduation ceremonies were held June 5 at the Farmington High School auditorium, with music provided by the Farmington Community Education Children's Chorus and the Farmington Community Chorus.

Earning diplomas were: Robert Benninger, Tina Chansier, Jacque-

line Cleary, Charles Constantine, Shirley Critcher, George Fawcett, Paula Florio, Frank Graham, Michael Habba, Eric Hansen, David Hartman, Candace Hughes, Tammy Kashat, Anthony Karmieraki, Susan Korman, Gary LaPresta, Mark McFale, Kimberly Main, Linda Markert, Steven Mashigan, Jocelyn Merson, Anna Naumovski, Mary Kay Orrico, Daniel Osterhout, Jan-

ique Pettway, David Sarotte, Stefanie Smith, Laurie Stevens, Eric Weir, Susan Yale and James Zahn.

Linda Markert, Eric Hansen and Jacqueline Cleary made commencement speeches on behalf of their classmates. Congratulatory comments were offered by superintendent Michael Flanagan and diplomas were presented by school board president Susan Rennels.

State tax plan rapped

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Dolan said the tax base sharing plan might positively encourage redevelopment instead of new development, but she is opposed to any plan that takes money from school districts like Farmington.

Flanagan said he could not estimate what the impact to the Farmington district might be if such a bill becomes law, because "they keep changing the rules."

Last summer's state recapture action took more than \$5 million from the district, and the local school board has only \$4.5 million budgeted in reserves for the coming year.

State Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, who voted against the measure, said he doesn't trust the legislation because he believes the

state will continue to rely on recapture if they need it in future years.

And the new plan for tax base sharing will cost districts more than recapture in the long run, he said, likening recapture to "hauling" and tax base sharing to "electrocution."

"It's going to be much more," he said. "They're going to be taking so much out the back door, they won't need any from the front window. It will be millions and millions of dollars that won't be available to our schools."

"It's really a terrible thing when they are allowed to rob in the name of the law."

The recent Senate action continues the legislature's "Robin Hood" trend, which began in earnest last summer with a state aid package that cost out-of-formula districts like Farmington upwards of \$70 million.

A LONGTIME finance official for Farmington and the Huron Valley districts, Flanagan has preached about the pending equity issue for years but expected the legislature to cushion the blow by phasing in the changes. That has not happened.

He is encouraging residents to contact state Representatives in the hope of lobbying for changes to the House version of the bill.

Jan Bennett, a Farmington parent and member of the regional Coalition for Michigan Parents, said her group will continue efforts to form a task force to discuss school finance reform.

"I can say definitely, the COMP group does not feel this is the solution," she said about the recent Senate action. "I guess we felt it was inevitable."

on the agenda

Below are highlights from the agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public. The regular Farmington Hills City Council meetings are live on cable Channel 18.

Farmington Hills City Council
Council chambers
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m., Monday, June 7

A public hearing is scheduled on the proposed 1991-92 city budget as well as on a proposed tax increase of 1.8 percent. The budget is expected to be adopted and a tax rate set following the public hearing.

The council also will consider enactment of a zoning amendment for the definition of housing for elderly, enactment of an ordinance for the regulation of community septic systems. Ordinances are expected to be introduced to add two sites to the historic district.

The council will consider retaining a land appraiser and landscape architect for the proposed purchase of the old sold farm on Eight Mile.

Farmington Naturalists

Spice House
Heritage Park
Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 11
Among the topics to be discussed will be a butterfly count for July 7. For more information call Joe Derek, 478-9256.

Farmington Hills Planning Commission
Council chambers
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 13

The following public hearings are scheduled:

• A proposed amendment for special conditions required for home occupations.

• A proposed amendment for permitted structures and uses, including signs for centers for elderly care and services in special purpose districts.

• A proposed amendment to delete the requirement that a permit number be affixed to certain signs.

The following preliminary hearings are scheduled:

• A revised landscape site plan for an office in OS-1, office service district, east of Orchard Lake Road between Rexwood and Mulfordton Avenues. Proponent: Ivanhoe Development Co. Owner: Domicile Development Co.

• Revised site plan for a medical office in OS-1, office service district, 23304 Orchard Lake Road, northeast corner of Orchard Lake and Fink roads. Proponent: Dr. Suraj Baig. Owner: Paul and Dorothy King.

• Revised site plan for a car wash in B-3, general business district, on the east side of Haggerty north of Grand River. Proponent and owner: Frank Jonna, Jonna Realty Enterprises.

• Single-family residential plat in FA-1 on the west side of Drake Road, between 13 and 14 Mile roads.

• Site plan for office in OS-1, office service district and P-1, vehicular parking district on the southeast corner of 14 Mile and Farmington roads. Proponent: Michael S. Downes. Owner: K&G Properties.

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Board reviews booster fund-raisers

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ducted regularly throughout the district.

"They (booster clubs) have them all the time and never ask you. They just do it," she said. "I certainly hope you will send out a message to all the high schools that you're not going

to turn the other way on this. You certainly have for many years.

"I just would like it to be a fair thing for all three schools."

LONGTIME SCHOOL board member Helen Prutow said she endorses a review of the fund-raisers. "I think our fund raising has gotten out of hand," she said.

As head of the board's policy committee, Prutow said she would endorse a revised board policy detailing some of the board's concerns. She suggested parents might consider affiliating themselves with a group such as the National PTA, which could act as an endorsing agency instead of the school district.



MEET ARTIST JULIE DAWSON

Thursday, June 13, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Store for the Home, Birmingham

Watercolorist Julie Dawson will have her original works on exhibit in our art gallery from May 30 through June 15. She will be present to sign lithographs during the afternoon of June 13. Many of her paintings have been inspired by her travels in and throughout 69 countries.

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