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## Court asks voters for expansion

By Joanne Maliszewski  
staff writer

When you go to the polls Nov. 5 to elect your new council members, you'll also be asked to consider a \$1.8 million, 20-year bond proposal to expand the 47th District Court to make way for a third judge.

Both Farmington and Farmington Hills voters will vote on the proposal to allow expansion to the two-judge courthouse on 10 Mile, between Power and Farmington roads. The court serves both cities.

"If you care about the community you live in, you want an effective court," said Chief District Judge Margaret Schaeffer. "And it can't function when it's hobbling along without enough space and another judge."

A high-volume caseload — particularly in comparison with other district courts in Oakland County with

more than two judges — has prompted the request for a third judge and expanded court facility to house the new judge and support staff.

Ballots will be different for Farmington and Farmington Hills voters. Each city will have a different share of the \$1.8 million bond proposal, based on state equalized value and caseload.

FARMINGTON HILLS will seek approval to sell \$1.6 million in general obligation bonds and Farmington, \$175,000. It will cost Farmington Hills about \$175,000 annually to pay off the bonds over 20 years.

That works out to about seven-hundredths of a mill (0.07-mill). Taxpayers who own a \$100,000 market value house assessed at \$50,000, you will pay about \$3.72 a year.

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## Area gears up for anti-drug awareness

By Casey Hans  
staff writer

Planning is nearly complete for what has become a traditional month of drug and alcohol awareness in the Farmington area.

A number of area businesses, community and civic groups, schools, and churches are participating in this year's October Farmington/Farmington Hills Drug Awareness Month, which begins with a month full of anti-drug activities, many of which will stretch well into 1992. The activities tie into National Drug and Alcohol Awareness Month.

This is the third year of a communitywide effort, in which groups will



focus on overall drug awareness and specifically address the theme of "Alcohol Abuse and Its Effects on the Family."

Organizers said the drug education effort here continues to grow.

The community awareness has

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SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

### Playing his music?

Brad Dillaman, a tuba player in the North Farmington High School marching band, appears to be literally playing his music during a rehearsal Monday. Actually, he's just turning the page. They're really tooting their

horns at North Farmington these days to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the school on 13 Mile Road. For a story and photos on the event, please see Page 3A.



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

Warner Middle School students board the school bus at Greencastle and 12 Mile Road Tuesday morning shortly after 7 a.m. This is

one of the stops moved from inside a subdivision to a main road due to recent transportation cuts.

## Crowded buses start students' day

Editorial comment, 18A

By Casey Hans  
staff writer

Drivers were doing their usual hectic, rush hour pace at 7 a.m. along 12 Mile, where Warner Middle School

students waited for the bus to school Tuesday.

What do they think about recent cuts to Farmington's busing program?

"I have to walk about a mile," said student Chris Brooks, who is about 10 minutes from the 12 Mile/Greencastle intersection between Inkster and Middlebelt where he now waits for the bus.

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## User accountability a success for police

By Joanne Maliszewski  
staff writer

"Do drugs. Do time." That's still the rule in Farmington Hills if you are caught using or possessing illegal drugs.

Since its inception in October 1989, the police department's user accountability enforcement pro-

gram has resulted in 375 arrests in 277 incidents through Sept. 9 this year.

"It's been extremely successful," Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer said. "It's acting as a deterrent as far as those people who are using drugs."

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### JUST MOMMY & Me

and Mike the DJ makes  
three.  
Actually, there'll be a  
big crowd at the Orchard United  
Methodist Church, 30450 Farm-  
ington Road, 7-8:30 p.m. Friday,  
Sept. 20, when the annual Mom-  
my & Me dance takes place. Mike  
the DJ will provide the music.

The event, sponsored by the  
Farmington Area Community  
Women, is for mothers and their  
sons and daughters. Cost is \$5  
per person and \$11 per family. Re-  
quired pre-paid reservations may  
be obtained by calling Diane at  
851-3073. Proceeds will fund the  
group's charitable projects.

ATTENTION all those who  
are interested in Robo-  
tech and Dungeons and  
Dragons and other role-  
playing games? Mark Mon-  
day, Sept. 23, on your calendar.

At 7 p.m. that evening, publish-  
er Kevin Stenblich will explain  
what adventure gaming is and  
how it is played in a presentation  
at the Farmington Branch Li-  
brary, 23500 Liberty.

A question-and-answer session  
on this controversial hobby will  
follow. Information also will be  
given on the Community Li-  
brary's gaming program.

To sign up for the free pro-  
gram, call the library at 474-  
7770.

THERE'LL BE a bit of  
Farmington on the field  
at Tiger Stadium  
Wednesday, Sept. 25,  
when Detroit takes on Cleveland.  
Mario Poonos, the reigning Miss  
Farmington, will step to the mi-  
crophone and sing "The National  
 Anthem before the game. It'll be  
a dream come true for the Farm-  
ington Hills woman who'll be  
wearing her pageant crown.

"This (singing the Anthem) has  
been Mario's dream since she was  
a little girl," said her mother,  
Rose Poonos. "In fact she sent  
them a letter back then saying  
she wanted to do it.

"She had to send in a tape to  
audition. We're just so proud of  
her. She's such a good girl."

GO WITH the flow . . . and  
the blood will be flowing  
at an American Red  
Cross blood drive 9 a.m.  
to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at  
the Fimmlah Center, 32500 W.  
Eight Mile, Farmington Hills.  
Walk-ins will be welcome.

MEMORY LANE —  
From the Sept. 20,  
1991, Farmington Ex-  
press.

• The Farmington City Council  
approved the installation of  
parking meters on a six-month  
trial basis in the downtown busi-  
ness district. City Manager Angus  
Letch said about 100 meters  
would be put in.

• Jay Harrison, a Farmington  
police officer, accepted a similar  
position on the Farmington Town-  
ship Department.

• A new course, which had  
girls in shop and boys in home  
economics, was inaugurated at  
Clarencville High School.

• Farmington and Plymouth  
tied at 12-11 in the 1991 prep  
football opener.

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