Money man sees less school aid

rett continues to keep an eye the state capitol, where legislation that would affect schools is being intro-duced regularly. Wealthler school districts will be

Wealther school olstricts will offered to give part of their tax base to poorer school districts this year, he believes. The forced sharing is expected to cost the district \$400,000 to 3775,000, but a change in recapture would reduce that by half.
The loss would vary in the future, depending on what occurs with other

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property tax reform efforts. The cuts will hart but will do so in a way that will allow the district to plan, he

that will allow the district to plain, as said.

Barrett is also watching proposed changes to the School Ald Act; which would reduce state contributions to local employees' Social Security tax-es.

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ANY NUMBER of tax cut proposals would be placed on the November. 1992. ballot, he said. All of proposals would affect Farmington and other wealthy districts.

Barrett said he couldn't, and wouldn't, attempt to judge how voters might react to these. It is too early to analyze the effect on the district from any of the proposed changes, he said.

"There's no use wringing our hands at this point. We just need to be as fiscally prudent as possible."

Ninety-three percent of Parmington's revenue comes from local property taxes. So any change to that system will affect the district.

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that system will affect the district.

BARRETT SPENT his lift is the weeks in the district gathering information and getting familiar with the programs here. He said he was pleased to see an "excellent morale in an area which could very easily be one of despair." He said he doesn't plan to "make revolutionary change, just for the sake of making change" and is waiting for completion of the districts financial audit so more planning can be done for the 1992-93 year.

year.

The tossing of education into the political arena is nothing new, Barrett said. "It's a school district's responsibility to be informed on what's going on at the state level. School finance reform is a very popular political agenda."



Bruce Barrett, newly appointed assistant superintendent for finance for Fermington Public Schools, discusses pending state legislation affecting Michigan schools. "Recapture was a bombshell for this district," he said. "We heard that with the transportation issue raised by parents at the last board meeting. That's the real impact."

"Districts that are much like us, enon. Most of the suburban school with a similar financial profile, are districts... are going to see this, all going to experience this phenomindeed. We'd better get used to it."

Joe Krease dies

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fired several shots into the car window at Vortman.

Before leaving her apartment,
Vortman and her commants loaded
on the forest should be a several shot of the forest was not
round. The night before he had
bothered the two women, continually
burzing the doorbeil.

Krease, who had a longtime relationship with Vortman, had parked
his car away from Vortman's buildings but close enough to see her leave
for work and confront her. Vortman
had considered Krease an ex-boyfriend though still an acquaintance,
sand-ha-two-continued to play on thesame wailyball team, police said.

The early morning shot brought
neighbors out into the parking lot,
where Green fillt resident KarenPeper, a nurse, railto help the outperwent surgery.

"He was very self-contained, very
professional and very good at what
he did," said Det. Sg. Clarry Kregelka, who knew both Vortman met
each other while both were assigned
to the Northville Post, Kregelk
said.
"You never saw him ratse his

to the Northville Post, Kregeika sald.
"You never saw him raise his voice. He was the not the kind of person you would think would do something that violent," Kregelka sald.

KREASE JOINED the state police

in November 1983 and was first stiloned at the Eric Post in Morroe
County, He was assigned later to the
Sandusky Post in state's thumb area.
In 1973, Krease was promoted to
the Detroit Post, While there in the
1976, he served as head of street operations for the Oakland Countyribid Killer Task Force, said Tobin,
who had known Krease for 21 years;
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and had since been working for
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about Krease's family was edited out
of talk show host Tommy Medistyre's
book, "Wolf in Sheeps Clothing," on
the Oakland County child killer investigation.
Tobin saw Krease not too long ago

the Oakland County child killer in-vestigation.

Tohin saw Krease not too long ag-when the two joined Oakland County psychologist Jerry Toblas — who also was involved in the child killer investigation — to talk to students at Detroit Country Day School: "The was a very talented, very methodi-cal man — like the good investigator-to was," Tobin said.

"This is a tragedy. He was a good man in spite of what happened," he added.

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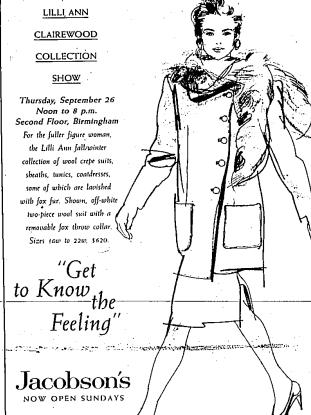




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