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in Nebraska before her family moved to Michigan nine years ago. She supports education but sees Proposal A as a deceitful.

"I asked questions," she said. "They (politicians) really didn't tell the truth."

Ryder said her summer tax bill was about 12 percent less than last year's, instead of the 50 percent she thought she'd get.

Many residents have been under that same impression, Babb said. But the school portion of the tax was only reduced from 29.0015 last summer to 22.4425 this summer.

Hills councilman Aldo Vagnosi, a former Farmington Board of Education member who opposed Proposal A, said he wasn't surprised by the complaints.

"The proposal is doing what it

'There is a lot of confusion about tax bills. A lot of people expected big-time savings and didn't get it. But, like I've tried to explain to people, you got what you voted for.'

Hills assessor Dean Babb

said it would," he said. "I think expectations were higher."

The proposal does include an additional cut of from 12-14 mills for winter taxes, Vagnosi said.

Ryder said she had talked to other residents when she went to the city complex to ask about her bill and some, like one 65-year-old woman, just could not afford the Farmington district's high tax rate.

"I don't know who they hope to attract to Farmington Hills with

this kind of tax situation," she said, adding that residents in many other districts had gotten a better break from the proposal.

The district's per-pupil cost is out of line and accounts for the continued high tax rate, Ryder said. And more money won't necessarily cure the ills of public education.

"I don't think throwing money on this fire is going to make education burn any brighter," she said.

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When officers made the arrest they found a sawed-off shotgun in the back seat.

Shift commander Lt. Chuck Nebus, who arrived on the scene shortly after the arrest, credited Norman and Plotzke for coordinating the arrest — along with a

semi truck that inadvertently clogged up the already slow rush-hour traffic.

Hills Inspector Tom Godwin said officers were able to quickly catch the suspects because of the 8-year-old's quick thinking.

"That's one sharp kid," he said.

Judge Fred Harris will preside at the preliminary examination of Kathy and Spinks in 47th District Court in Farmington at 9:30 a.m. today. Bond was set at \$25,000, which neither man posted. They were held in the Oakland County Jail.

Citizen from page 1A

She came to the United States in 1931, following her fiancé who arrived stateside two years earlier to work as an engineer.

He waited nervously at the Michigan Depot, she said, wondering why he hadn't heard from her yet. After all, they had business to tend to.

When she arrived, they rushed down to the city hall and were married Aug. 31, 1931. Quotas were filling up and U.S. Customs required immigrant couples to be married within a five-day period.

Chimes from weddings bells turned to a slow toll as the Turners' union coincided with the Great Depression. Her husband was down to working one hour a day.

"When you came into this country, you vowed you wouldn't become dependent on the country," she said.

She took her two children, David and June, and returned to Scotland at the same time Adolf Hitler was making rumblings in Europe. After 11 months, with war imminent, Samuel Turner sent for his family.

"The children began to pick up a Scottish accent," she said. "When we arrived, the boy said, 'Fair-ther, I have a box of sweets for you.' ... He was rather shocked."

Another footnote: She and her children reached the United States on the maiden voyage of *The Athenia*, which was later sunk by German U-boats on its return to Europe.

The Turners raised four children in their home in then Farmington Township. They include David Turner, a U.S. Navy commander, June Switken of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Peggy Calkins of Bothell, Wash., and the late Douglas Turner. All four went to Farmington schools.

Citizenship always beckoned, she said, but family came first.

She embarked on becoming a citizen in 1943, but was thwarted. She went through the citizenship class and was ready to be sworn in in Pontiac.

"My husband took one look at



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Flagwavers: Martha Turner (left) and friend Doris Beasley wave their flags during the 1993 Memorial Day Parade in Farmington.

me and he shook his head and said, 'You're in no shape to go in front of the judge,'" Turner said.

Later she gave birth to Peggy, her youngest daughter. A second attempt at citizenship was interrupted by the birth of her fourth child.

She wasn't going to make three strikes.

Turner, along with several oth-

ers, was sworn in during a special ceremony at Hart Plaza.

"I feel exalted. Exalted — that's the word," she said. Turner has been asked to ride with the Kiwanis in the upcoming Founders Festival parade. She was glad to oblige, but she told them there was one condition.

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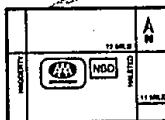
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