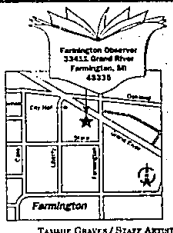


Antique appraisal clinic set for May 2

The Farmington Genealogical Society will host an antique appraisal clinic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the William Costick Center DuMouchelle Art Galleries of Detroit will cosponsor with FGS. Fee is \$5 per item. Forms for advance registration for preferred appraisal times are at the Farmington Libraries. Call 477-5846 for details.

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Durant cash in; now what?

Durant lawsuit settlement money — about \$9.5 million of it — is finally in Farmington Public Schools' coffers. But the school board still isn't sure what it'll do with the money, according to school board President Linda Enberg.

And it might be 2000 before any of it is put to use.

Enberg said the Farmington portion of the Durant lawsuit settlement was wired on Wednesday from Lansing to the district's business office.

"This was not, obviously, the shortfall for 18 years," said Enberg on Thursday. "It was three years worth. But it still is an important resolution to the problem."

About the money finally arriving, Enberg said, "When they say the check is in the mail, it's good to actually see it."

Farmington is one of 84 Michigan public school districts awarded a total of approximately \$212 million in the Michigan Supreme Court ruling. The districts sued the state in 1980 for underfunding state-mandated special education programs.

The topic of how and when to spend the money won't be discussed during Tuesday's regular school board meeting.

Instead, the board will wait until the 1998-99 budget is firm'd up and presented in May before deciding whether to immediately earmark any of the Durant dollars. There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, May 19.

"That is still under discussion," said Enberg about how the Durant money might be spent. "The (board) finance committee met last week. We want all the budget information ... the breakdown in the budget, especially with the fund equity, before we make a final decision."

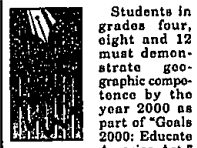
"We're under no deadline to rush to a decision."

But Enberg said there is consensus on the school board to spend a portion of the \$9.5 million on projects in the second part (about \$26 million) of last year's two-part \$93.1 million bond issue. As of now, it likely will be January 2000 before any bonds for those projects are sold to builders, she said.

Although the actual money arrived electronically, Enberg also participated in a mock check presentation along with state Sen. Bill Bullard, R-16th District, state Rep. Andrew Rackowski, R-Farmington Hills, Assistant Superintendent Sue Zurvalec and the district's business director, Mary Reynolds.

Five other school systems in Bullard's district also received their Durant money on Wednesday, including Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, which received \$5 million.

Map reading class offered



Students in grades four, eight and 12 must demonstrate geographic competence by the year 2000 as part of "Goals 2000: Educate America Act."

To help students (and parents) meet these goals, AAA Michigan will teach Farmington Hills residents "How to Read a Map" at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Farmington Hills Library, 38751 W. 12 Mile.

To register, call 553-3700.

**New training center**  
Suburban Hockey opened its Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills April 13. The facility features two NHL-regulation-sized ice sheets. A full-service pro shop and a fitness center designed specifically for hockey training are also in the works.

The center plans many programs, including a figure skating club, group lessons, birthday party packages and a lunch skate. Call either 888-1400 or 478-1600.

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**CLARIFICATION**  
A production problem caused a chart that ran on the front page of the April 16 Observer to be missing information. Below is the entire chart.

**Farmington Hills Crime Statistics**  
1996-1997 Comparison

DESCRIPTION	1996	1997	PERCENT CHANGE
GROUP A		GROUP A	
Forcible sex offenses	34	41	▲ +20.6
Robbery	39	39	▼ -15.4
Burglary	499	372	▼ -25.5
Larceny	2,021	1,998	▼ -1.1
Vehicle Theft	228	221	▼ -2.2
Malevolent Destruction of Property	1,021	700	▼ -31.4
Narcotic Drug Law Violations	285	333	▲ +16.8
GROUP B		GROUP B	
Operating Under the Influence	293	275	▼ -6.1
Liquor Law Violations	90	158	▲ +75.6
GROUP C		GROUP C	
Traffic Crashes	4,219	4,659	▲ +10.4
GROUP D		GROUP D	
Total reports	36,154	36,887	▲ +2.0

EXCLUDES TRAFFIC, CRASHES, ETC. Total reports  
SOURCE: Farmington Hills Police Department

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8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia**  
37595 Seven Mile Road (at Newburgh Rd)  
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