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Artist: Junebug Clark is carrying on a family tradition.

Shutterbug honored: Photographer Junebug Clark is Farmington's Artist in Residence for 2001. His dad Joe Clark was Farmington's first Artist in Residence 25 years ago. See HomeTown Life / C5

Carpetbagger?: Local folks are steamed at a Livonia carpet store. / A12

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Music: Michael Feinstein talks about his music and concert to benefit the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival. / B1

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## Lawmakers take a D.C.

#### **Farmington** pitches liner for sewers

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Farmington City officials made a
pitch to both U.S. Sen. Debbie
Stabenow (D-Lansing) and Congressman Joe Knollenberg (R-Bloomfield
Hills) Monday for federal assistance to
help restore an aging Farmington sanitary sewer interceptor.
The linking interceptor runs for four
miles from Farmington to Detroit.
Stabenow and Knollenberg spoke to
the Farmington City Council at separate times prior to the regular council
meeting.

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STATY PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

To the point: Sen. Debbie Stabenow discussed a number of issues with Farmington City Council members Monday night.

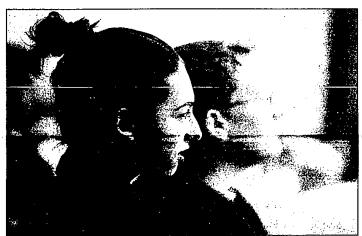
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For first-term U. S. Sen. Debbie
Stabenow, Monday night's fast-paced
schedule must have recalled her hectic
campaigning schedule of late 2000.
The Lansing Democrat discussed a
major sewer renovation project with
the Farmington City Council before
heading a few miles north to Farmington Hills City Hall. There, during a
council study session, Stabenow discussed key issues such as e-commerce,
tax abatements, using public right of

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#### **Judgment Day**



Sentencing: North Farmington students Bethany Nestor and Ryan Seals listen to the court proceedings as Judge Marla Parker meted out justice for a day in their school's auditorium.

## **Justice**

## NFHS students learn about courts

This story marks another install-ment of Today's Lesson, an occasion-al series chronicling classroom activ-ities in Farmington Public Schools.

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On this day, there were no con-certs or drama productions gracing the auditorium stage at North Farmington High School. Instead, students witnessed actual court cases about shoplifting, drugs and decention.

Students heard real testimony, saw real cross-examination,

observed court reporter Cathy Fostional component to it. Ter keep up with dialogue and appeared to listen real hard to the rulings made by 47th District Judge Marla Parker.

District Judge Marla Parker.

"It's called Court in the Classroom and that says it all," said North government teacher Ed Davis about the program. "It allows kids to get an up-close and personal look at the local court, to see how cases are adjudicated. There's a real educa-



nent to it."
Probably the only
difference from these
and the proceedings in
the actual courthouse
facility on 10 Mile
Road is that the judge
left time at each of the
two sessions to answer
questions from North
students About 400
students attended
each session

On their way into the auditorium,

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## Is temp plant cast in stone?

■ Residents near Mercy High School will tell Hills planning commissioners tonight they don't like the idea of a concrete plant in their neighborhoods.

Farmington Hills residents who live near Mercy High School hope the idea of putting a temporary cement batch plant near their homes is not cast in

stone yet.

Some of those residents, such as
Elaine Fitzpatrick of the Kimberly
Hills subdivision, expect to attend a
7:30 p.m. Thursday Farmington Hills

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#### Volunteer's contributionsremembered

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Right up to the end, Jerrelyn Van-Houte Lawellings of the Manager of the Manager

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## Rocky contemplates Congressional campaign

State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski looked a little like the cat who'd swallowed the canary as he talked this week about a recent trip to Washington, D.C.

lowed the canary as he talked this week about a recent trip to Washington, D.C.

After the last election cycles, the term-limited Republican had madplans to return to private life. But the 2000 census and potential for a new congressional seat landing in Oakland County changed his mind. If redistricting does what he thinks it will, Raczkowski has a hat he's ready to be a microcality of the Raczkowski has a hat he's ready to be an incredible opportunity to put Farmington and Farmington Hills

on the map," he said in an interview Monday. "Plus it allows me to achieve the community



result will be a "wholes ale" redrawing of legislative lines. Instead of 580,000 constituents, each congressional seat will represent more than 662,000, Welday said. Federal law protects the state's two minority seats, held by Carolyn Kilpatrick and John Conyers, both of Detroit. Each district

must represent the same number of people and the state has adopted standards to choose the plan with the fewest breaks in local government boundaries. To do this, Knollenberg's district will likely more north and east, to include cities such as Clarkston, Lake Orion and Troy, Welday said.

"Most of the speculation centers on the creation of a new district that may include a very good portion of Oakland County and part of Wayne County," he said. The 95,000 or so people in Farmington and Farmington Hills could be included in that district, along with Plymouth and Canton, he said.

Welday isn't surprised to see talk

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