# SEV and millage make deceptive mixture

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"Many people have defended the millage request by saying that no matter how much we raise our property taxes, the state aid will decrease by that mach and we'll end up with nothinose setting.

"But that's not quite true, because it doesn't include all the factors. "It's dishonest to say that as the property evaluation goes up, the de-

crease in state aid will cancel it be-cause you haven't taken a decrease in enrollment or a possible new state aid package into account. The explained. Coleman is director of labor rela-tions for the achool district and has been active in the millage campaign. He is a member of several teams giv-ing presentations at elementary schools throughout the district.

THE DISTRICT does receive an increase in revenues because of higher SEVs, but it is not as high as the increase percentage itself.

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SEV meant only a two per cest increase for the schools, and next year's 11 per cent increase may give us an additional four or five per cent increase, depending on which state add formula is used."

In budgeting for next year, the district has gone with the higher percent age of state and which would be atleased to the second of the sec

## Harrison students win design awards

High School students won awards in the Michigan Industrial Education Awards competition sporsored by the Michigan Industrial Education Society and the Detroit News.

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Seniors Rick Witt and Lisa Mihelcic won first and second place respective for the first and second place respective with the seniors Bonnie Kern and Dug Polkinghorn also won a first for his Endure Go Cart in the open displayed his policy for the Harrison entries. IJ won awards. All first and second place winding a words. All first and second place winding for the seniors between the competition were projects will go not to state company to the projects will go not to state competition in Grand Rapids.

## Increases in SEV don't help schools

FARMINGTON—Higher property valuations have increased the flow of the control to the haven't result resulted in the creamed revenue and business manager William Brailey Bull school revenue as a result of local SEV (State Equalized Valuation) increases in directly offset by a dollar by dollar decrease in state aid." In said.

Many residents in the district have believed that rising property assessments mean more money to the district's school. Such limit the case. Prisk said.

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# May in Farmington beautification month May in Farmington beautification month

FARMINGTON—The beautification committee wants to give the city a faceilit for spring.

The group designated May as Keep Farmington Beautiful Month with its goal to promote beautification, spring clean-up and pride in the city.

Within the next two weeks, committee members will be contacting merchants and garden clubs and circulating 2,000 flyers explaining special citylies.

Merchants are being encoraged to hold "spruce up" sales of items related to spring gardening and clean-up.

lated to spring gardening and cleanOther activities planned include a school clean-up week, a beautification stetch contest for youths aged six not it years, the committee's annual flow-er and struth sale. merchant in-ternative the content of the content of the content of the content of the desired of the farmington Downtown Orster who wants to organize a street clean-ty using fire hoses from the public safety department. Also planned is a seed sale.

#### Kindergartens begin their fall registration

FARMINGTON—Public elementary schools will register eligible children for kindergarten classes beginning May 1.
Children eligible are those children who will be five years old on or before Dec. 1. 1975. Birth certificates are necessary to register.

Pre-school get-together programs will be held on either May 15 or 16. For further information, contact your local elementary school.

#### Festival committee will meet April 22

Persons who are involved in planning the upcoming spring festival, "Gateways to the World" will meet Wednesday, April 22. The meeting will get under way at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center.

The festival will bring together persons of diverse backgrounds to expose the food, arts and cultures of their heritage for a two-day event on the center grounds May 31-June 1.

"PERIODICALLY, the county takes sales slips from houses that have been said in the area, and checks them against the valuation. Then they establish a factor and that is what you're as sened."

The actual assessment is based on one-half the market value of the home.

"This is because the state wants to make it equal for everyone. The increase in valuation of property in this it comes time to sell your home."



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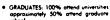
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