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AVE, you had a fire experience — either a fire or a burn? Your experience may help others. "It has come to our attention that lessons taught (through fire prevention education) were translated into proper actions by people during a fire emergency," said Leputy Fire Chief Feter Baldwin of Farmington Hills. "It is hard to measure the success of our public

success of our public education effort unless people come forward to share their

experiences."
Call fire headquarters at 553-0740.

HIGH honors will go to Farmington's Gazebo-Pergola Project Committee, winner of one of five 1990 Greater Michigan Foundation, which was a five 1990 Greater Michigan Foundation of the 1990 Greater Michigan West Wards, to be presented May 22 in Marshall as part of Michigan West.

The committee raised 440,000 to build the gazebo-pergola on city-owned land on Grand River, between Farmington Place Apartments and the Village Commons shopping center.

QUOTE of the week



Vittorio Basilisco, reacting to vandalism to a two-story home he's building in northwest Farm-ington Hills, Story: 1A.

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Storm drain work spurs higher taxes

By Joanna Maliszawski stalf writer

Farmington Hills taxpayers will have to dig a little deeper into their wallets in 1990-91 as they begin to pay for the city's \$16.5 million share of storm drain improvements to alleviate subdivision flooding.
"The only increase in taxes this year is for storm drainage, Basically, this is a hold-their budget," Farmington Hills finance director Charles Rosch sald.

Taxpayers will nay 8.37 mills per \$1,000 of

Taxpayers will pay 8.87 mills per \$1,000 of state equalized value of property in 1990-91 to

support a \$27.8 million budget. That includes a rolled-back operating tax rate of 8.2 mills plus 0.6-mill for storm drain improvements.

The proposed budget represents an 8.3 per-ent increase over the 1989-90 \$26 million

Including the rolled back general operating tax, a decrease in debt levy and the additional 6.6-mill for storm drain improvements, this year's tax rate represents a 7.3 percent increase over last year's rate, Rosch said.

A mill represents \$1 per \$1,000 of state equalized value of property. SEV represents 50

ments," Rosels said.

A taxpayer with a home valued at \$50,000 paid \$441.51 based on 8.3 mills in 1989-90. At the proposed 8.8 mill tax rate, that same taxpayer whose home increased an average 7.8 percent in value to \$53,900, would pay \$478.15.

Because city officials expect to levy 0.6-mill above the rolled-back rate of 8.2 mills, they

percent of what property will sell for on the open market.

"ASSESMENTS ARE going up. We have rolled our rate back to offset the rate of inflation. We would have more than offset lollading if it was not for the storm drain improvements," Rosch said.

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New house hit by vandalism; boys suspected

In what the builder said "seemed like a Mother's Day massacre," huge rocks and cinder blocks were thrown through at least 20 double-pane win-dows in a \$350,000 house under con-struction in porthwest Farmington Hills Sunday.

Damage was estimated at \$16,000. The property is insured, said the builder, Vittorio Basilisco of Vittorio & Associates of Southfield.

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The vandalism was confined to the back and west side of the two-story house on Ficetwood, near Kingsway. In Farmington Glens, a new suddivision at 13 Mile and Halsted. There's vacant land behind the house and an empty lot to the west.

Also damaged were two door walls, window screens, wiring and insulated foam board near the attacked window frames.

Three boys thought to be 11 fare

property over \$100 charges, a four-year felony, At least one is thought to live in the area. The other two are thought to be from Southfield, police said.
"The kids really went to town," Basilisco said. "For what reason they did it I don't know. It was so destructive, it was like it was planned."

He installed the Pella windows just two days before. "Destruction like this hurts the community," he said.

BASILISCO WONDERED If the new homeowners being Chaldean had anything to do with the crime. Detective Duane Fox of the Farmington Hills Folice Department Juvenile Division Isn't sure that was the motive. "It think some kids just decided to go out and have a blast at somebody else's expense. As bad as the damage was, it could have been a lot worse if they were out to get the new owners."

GOP boasts races for Senate, county seat

vandals using cinderblocks and huge rocks on

i More election news, 11-13A

Newly installed Pella windows in this north-west Farmington Hills house were smashed by

By Joanne Maliezewski

Government jobs are popular as candidates line up for their shots at state, county and judicial seats.

Farmington and Farmington Hills oters will be faced with making

seat has long been held by Democrat Jack Faxon of Farmington Hills. The race for the 27th district seat on the Oakland County Commission, held by Ifirst-term incumbent Donn L. Wolf of Farmington Hills, is also being contested in the primary. Candidates filed petitions with state and county election clerks, announcing their intentions to seek political office, by the 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, deadline. Candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday, May 18, to with-

draw their names. After that, remaining candidates' names will be on the ballot.

on the ballot.

Faxon, a senator for 20 years, has four Republicans — including Farmington Hills city councilment Terry Sever and Ben Marks — eyeing his job, Sever and Marks, both former Farmington Hills mayors, are joined on the Republican primary ballot by Southfield city councilwoman and former planning commissioner Denise R. Alexander and Northville

resident Alfred W. Smith Jr.
The four Republican state Senate
candidates will square off in the
August primary. The winner will
face Faxon in the Nov. 6 general
election.

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The 15th state Senate district includes Farmington Hills, Farmington, Novl, Wixom, Southfield, Lathrup Village, Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Ferndale, part of Royal Oak Township and part of North-ville.

WOLF, A former two-term Farmington Hills city councilman, will be challenged in the primary for the Oakland County Commission 27th district seat by Farmington Hills Republican Warren R. Dolan. The winner will square off with Farmington Hills Democrat D. Eugene Kuthy.

The 27th county commission district includes Farmington and much of Farmington Hills.

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Farmington voters to pick way to pay for sewer work

It'll be a citizens' choice on Tues-day, May 22, when Farmington vot-ers decide which funding method they prefer for a \$12-million sewer separation and improvement

separation and improvement project. There's no question Farmington will have a sewer upgrading project. Farmington must comply with fed-eral and state mandates to clean up the Rouge River, City Manager Rob-ert Deadman said. "We encourage all voting resi-

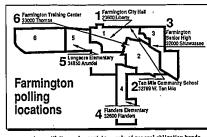
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vote," Mayor Shirley Richardson said.
"This is one of the most important concerns that has confronted our citizens in recent years — especially since it is the largest and costilest project the city has ever undertaken."

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City officials aren't advising voters which of two options is better in this special election. The city has spent \$6,000 for three informational mailings as well as slide presentations given during two public meetings.

ert Deadman said.
"We encourage all voting residents to exercise their rights and this," City Manager Robert Dead-

man said. "We're letting people know their options. It's an opportunity for people to tell us their choice." THE PROLECT is part of a \$500-million, three-county effort to eliminate untreated sewage discharges into the Rouge River. Farmington is one of 47 Michigan commonities in the three-county Rouge River Watershed Basin that must come to grips with the river's pollution. Farmington's part in the project will involve building new sewers, rehabilitating and improving the city's entire sewer and pumping systems, and building a 31-million-gailon retention basin to hold excess



sewer water until it can be sent to Detroit for treatment. The project will cost each household an average \$120-\$310 a year for the next 20 years, depending on:

Residents of senior complex rap rent increases

☐ Council reaction, 20A

By Joanne Maliszewski stalf writer

Residents in Carrington Place Apartments for Seniors who don't meet income restrictions don't think they should have to pay a maximum 10-percent rent increase when they renew leases in the low-income housing project.

"We want this project to succeed but we

don't want to be victimized," said resident Jack Hekimian, who said he represents other residents who want to stay in the 100-unit compiler, but whose incomes don't qualify. But Carrigno Place partner Sam Yaker of Liberty Construction Co., Southfield said those who don't qualify are like residents in any other market-rent apartment compiler. "They are regular renters. They don't qualify for the program. Anybody (in any apartment complex) who has a lease expects an increase," he said.

But on some council members' orders, city administrators are expected to work with Carrington partners to ensure that "people that moved in there to begin with get a fair shake," councilman Terry Sever said.

ON ANOTHER front, Detroit Baptist Manor will take a third stab at becoming a state-ap-ON ANOTHER front, Detroit insputs state-op-will take a bird sitab at becoming a state-ap-proved management company for Carrington Place on the northeast corner of Drake and Freedom roads. The Michigan State Housing Development

Authority twice denied Baptist Manor of Farmington Hills as the company to manage the low-income apartment development. "I think it was a matter of simply not wording it properly." Farmington Hills elty councilwoman Nancy Bates said of Baptist Manor's application.

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She accompanied Baptist Manor executive director Robert McQuald to Lansing last week to discuss the denials with MSHDA officials.

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