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**O**N Broadway? After City Manager Bill Costlick presented a well-choreographed video detailing the proposed 1990-91 operating budget at a public hearing May 30, Farmington Hills resident Max Simon gulped.

"One way of cutting taxes is to prevent the city manager from appearing on the video presentation that is presented to the public because I feel Mr. Costlick will undoubtedly be sought by Broadway and Hollywood. Indeed, we'd like to keep him in Farmington Hills."

**TODAY'S** the day for the Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival Fantasy Car Raffle. The drawing will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills, 24705 Farmington Road. Top prize is a red 1990 Corvette. Other shopping spree prizes total \$4,500. Tickets are \$100 to benefit the midsummer Founders Festival. Call the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce: 474-3440.

### QUOTE of the week

Our homes are still in as great a danger today as they were a year ago.

Westbrooke Manor subdivision resident Max Simon, victim of last June's big flood in Farmington Hills. See Bob Sklar's column: 18A.

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## Graduation-time booze sting planned

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Package liquor and beer and wine dealers are forewarned. With Farmington senior high graduations next week, Farmington Hills police are expected to conduct an undercover liquor law sweep soon.

"Normally a big problem at this time of the year is with consumption of alcohol from off-premise establishments," police Chief William Dwyer said. "We want to warn licensees that they are responsible for checking people's

identification who come on their premises." The anticipated crackdown will be the police department's seventh effort since November 1986, when police and city officials committed themselves to strongly enforcing liquor laws prohibiting the sale of liquor to anyone younger than 21, the state legal drinking age.

AS IN past sweeps, undercover police cadets younger than 21 will be used to check that liquor licensees and their employees check patrons' ages before selling alcoholic beverages. "We will not make any effort to make the

cadets appear older than they are," Dwyer said. "We will photograph them before and after."

In the department's last sweep Dec. 15, 1989, 18 licenses, bar and restaurant owners were ticketed for selling to minors. The city has 83 liquor licenses. About 35 will be visited in the next undercover sweep.

"I would hope that this time, we don't have any violators. I'm not even going to try to predict how it will turn out," Dwyer said.

LICENSEES WILL be cited under Michigan

Liquor Control Commission regulations barring sale of alcohol to minors. Employees will be cited for violating city ordinance.

Licensees either sign a waiver for the MLCC or face a hearing before the commission, which levies fines or penalties.

"I think the MLCC has really substantially raised penalties as far as fines against violators," Dwyer said.

Farmington Hills special counsel Ron Acho agreed.

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## Wall at Hillside topples

By Casey Hans and Joanne Maliszewski staff writers

Turbulent winds and stormy fall-like weather last weekend toppled the wall of a school under construction in Farmington Hills and downed a traffic signal in a major intersection in Farmington.

Trees and power lines were downed throughout the area once the wind, rain and lightning started late Saturday.

No one was hurt. Winds gusted as high as 53 mph.

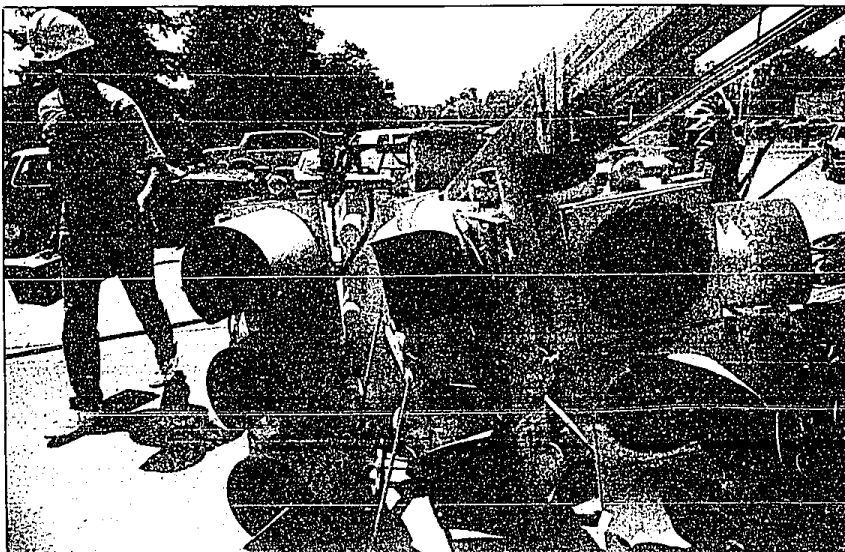
Between 5-6 p.m. Sunday, the wind blew down a 50-foot section of a 28-foot wall at Hillside Elementary, under construction on 11 Mile, east of Halsted, in Farmington Hills, adding further delays to the school's construction schedule.

There was no structural damage to the building, said Don Cowan, director of student services/operations for the school district.

Once the wall's design is inspected, school officials expect reconstruction to begin Monday and take about two weeks.

Area motorists and pedestrians were taken by surprise when a traffic signal fell into the Grand River-Nine Mile intersection at 10 a.m. Sunday, delaying traffic for 1 1/2 hours.

While Oakland County Road Com-



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

Oakland County Road Commission electrician Doug Aubuchon worked Sunday afternoon to re-install the traffic signal that fell

mission crews worked to re-install the traffic signal, pedestrians helped Farmington public safety officers direct traffic until repairs were complete.

POLICE OFFICERS and fire-

fighters spent the weekend responding to calls of downed trees and limbs, arcing power lines, and tree and pole fires, thanks to buffeting winds.

At 4 p.m. Sunday, high winds blew out a front display window at Crow-

to the street at Grand River and Nine Mile in Farmington. No one was hurt.

ley's in the Kendallwood Shopping Center, 12 Mile and Farmington roads.

The weekend weather pulled the plug on roughly 118,000 Detroit Edison customers in metro Detroit. Oakland County was among the areas

hardest hit. Some scattered areas were still without power Tuesday. Lack of power forced the closing of Forest Elementary School in Farmington Hills Monday.

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## Board hopefuls offer varying voting records

More election coverage: 6A-8A, 12A

By Susan Buck staff writer

Farmington school board candidates differ widely in their voting records in recent district elections. One candidate, Sharon Rands, a 10-year Farmington Hills resident who registered to vote in 1979, has voted in no district elections since 1986.

Other candidates differ both in length of residence in the district and number of district elections in which they cast a vote.

On Monday, June 11, Farmington school district voters will fill two school board seats from among nine candidates.

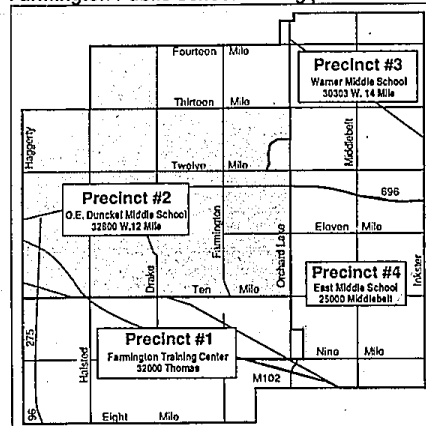
The Observer reviewed voting records for seven district elections since 1986: Feb. 10, 1987 (special); June 8, 1987 (annual); Feb. 9, 1988 (special); June 13, 1988 (annual); Sept. 19, 1988 (bond issue); Jan. 31, 1989 (bond issue); and June 12, 1989 (annual).

Voting records were checked through the Farmington and Farmington Hills city clerk's offices, as well as the Farmington Public Schools administrative center.

Candidates also were asked to

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### Farmington Public Schools voting precincts



## Voters to fill 2 seats

By Casey Hans staff writer

Farmington Public Schools voters will go to the polls on Monday, June 11, to elect two school board members, following one of the most active campaigns in the district in years.

Nine residents are vying for two seats on the board, which hires administration and sets policy in the 11,000-student district.

Listed in alphabetical order, candidates include:
 

- Challenger James Barnes, Harrow Drive, Farmington Hills.
- Challenger Richard DeVries, Chesapeake, Farmington Hills.

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## Warner's academic team is tops in the world

Warner Middle School's seven-member Odyssey of the Mind team placed first in their division Saturday at OM World Competition held in Iowa.

The Warner team competed in the academic games, winning regional and state finals before going on to the international games, which hosted students from countries around the world. Theirs was the intermediate division.

It is Farmington's first world championship in OM, which the district has sponsored as an extracurricular enrichment for all students for the past eight years.

After winning Saturday at the University of Iowa, the group appeared live on the "Today Show" Monday morning, where they demonstrated their team problem with OM original Sam Mickus.

THE TEAM selected a problem called "Geographic Odyssey" in which they designed and built an ark, and provided costumes and props from 10 countries. For the competition, the team had to drive their vehicle and place the countries' flags on a course.

Teams were judged on style, long-term problem solving and a spontaneous solution to another problem.

Warner principal Walt Scoble said he did not expect his team back in town until later this week or next week, when they will return to school to proudly display their winning trophy.

The team is coached by Dee Krause of West Bloomfield. Team members include: Carrie Rlordan, Samantha Rowland, Amy Roberts, Jon Krause, Marie Tripp, Gordon Eick and James Haynes.