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"This is much better than the last (November) election," said Mario Hans, an election worker at Precinct 4 (Flanders Elementary) in Farmington. "We had about 20 people lined up before 7 a.m. — when polls opened."

Dianne Wernette, working at Precinct 12 (Mercy Center) in Farmington Hills, said 40 voters were cast within 20 minutes of the polls opening.

Voters on both sides found parts of the proposal hard to stomach. Elizabeth Muston, of Farmington said she voted "no" because of tax concerns, while Wendell Mason of Farmington Hills said the plan did not adequately address school funding.

"I don't agree with the governor on parts of the plan," Mason said. "Schools are a big concern."

But Mason and Muston were in a distinct minority. In fact, the proposal passed in every precinct in both cities.

Robert Maxfield, who will take over as superintendent of the Farmington schools March 28, said he was pleased with the result.

"While it won't help us (Farmington), it's a significant step in school tax reform and will help close the equity gap," Maxfield said.

But State Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, said not only would the proposal hurt his home district, but because it would set up a school funding shortfall and Farmington is one of the state's wealthier school districts, it would suffer.

"We've been shortchanged," he said. "When there is not enough money, the state will come after ours. It will be like target practice and we'll be the target."

Hills Mayor Larry Lichtman, an A supporter, said his passage is a good step toward property tax relief, but warned that many people in this area of the state would still pay about the same in taxes overall.

"I think that if Engler is re-elected, he will push for more tax reform," Lichtman said.

Farmington councilwoman



Proposal A

Basic Grant	\$5,000
For Schools	\$10.145 billion
Property Taxes	6 mills on homesteads, 8 mills on non-homesteads.
Income Tax	Decreases rate from 4.5% to 4.4%.
Sales/Use Tax	Increases the sales/use tax rate from 4% to 6%.
Single Business Tax	No increase. SBT rate will remain at 2.35%.
Tobacco Products Tax	0.75 per pack for cigarettes. The other tobacco tax will be 15% of the wholesale price.
Intestate Telephone Tax	Increases tax rate to 6%.
Personal Exemption on Income Tax Return	No change. \$2,100 per person.
Increases in Homestead Credit for Renters	The homestead credit is adjusted for renters so that 20% of rent paid is considered property taxes (currently the rate is 17%).
Real Estate Transfer Tax	0.75 for every \$1,000 in value.
High Spending Schools	May levy millage on homesteads to hold themselves harmless above \$6,500/pupil.

Source: State Legislature

JoAnn McShane said she was pleasantly surprised by the wide margin of victory for A.

"I think there is a lot of distrust of the tobacco industry (which spent heavily on anti-Proposal A ads)," she said. "I think that may have boomeranged."

Hills councilman Aldo Vognozzi, an opponent of the measure, was philosophical about the result.

"It passed by a substantial margin," he said. "I think our job is to make it work."

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Living the good life was the undoing of a Farmington Hills businesswoman, according to an assistant U.S. attorney prosecuting her for bank and bankruptcy fraud.

But Howard Siegrist, attorney for Patricia Boyle, 47, who owned a Belleville auto dealership — Pat Boyle Chevrolet — said the charges are "a lot to do about nothing."

A federal grand jury indicted Boyle on 14 counts of fraud March 9.

Assistant U.S. attorney Stephen J. Murphy III, who present-

ed the case to the grand jury, said Boyle is charged with deliberately defrauding First of America Bank of more than \$3.2 million.

Boyle submitted statements and reports to the bank indicating that automobiles acquired by the dealership, but financed by a \$2 million line of credit extended by the bank, were in the dealership inventory when in fact, the automobiles had been sold to retail customers. The cars had served as collateral for the line of credit, according to the indictments.

Additionally, the grand jury charged that Boyle, who filed for personal bankruptcy in 1993,

made false statements on her bankruptcy petition and concealed assets from her creditors.

"She was supporting a highly extravagant lifestyle," said Murphy.

But Siegrist said, at the worst, his client is guilty of sloppy business practices.

"There's no grand scheme to defraud anybody," the Farmington Hills attorney said. "Maybe her accounting wasn't the best. But that's not a crime."

Boyle faces up to 320 years in prison or fines totaling \$11 million or both. Any sentence will be imposed under the U.S. sentence

guidelines according to the nature of the offense and the criminal background, if any, of the defendant.

The case was investigated by the FBI.

Siegrist said an arraignment date has not been set, but added that he and Murphy hope to set a date by the end of this week.

Siegrist added that the indictment is just that.

"As it says in the last paragraph of the U.S. Department of Justice press release, 'a defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.'"

Hills resident faces cable TV fraud charge

A Farmington Hills woman could face up to a year in jail if convicted on a charge that she rigged a cable TV connection into her apartment to receive free cable TV, including premium channels.

Violate Lulguraj, 19, pleaded not guilty Feb. 23 in 47th District Court to a charge of unauthorized reception of cable television service, which also carries a fine of up to \$500 upon conviction.

Lulguraj is charged with rigging the connection herself after several verbal and written warnings from MetroVision, the cable carrier in Farmington Hills. This is only the second arrest of its

type in Farmington Hills, according to MetroVision. Lulguraj has no criminal record.

Although the company usually seeks only civil damages to recover the money lost from illegal connections, this case was blatant enough to warrant criminal charges, said Dan Dinamore, regional marketing manager for MetroVision.

"We always regret when we have to take such drastic measures against cable pirates," he said. "But it's like shoplifting — honest customers pay the price for those who steal, and that's unfair."

Police seized a converter box

and other video equipment to be used as evidence.

Lulguraj lived in a pre-wired apartment that she was subleasing from a friend.

MetroVision, which has been the city's franchise cable carrier since 1982, requires that even when the wires are already in place, residents must contact the company and pay monthly fees to receive the service.

Lulguraj has said someone else made the connection. She is free on bond. No trial date has been set.

"We try to educate the public about what constitutes illegal service," said Dinamore. "There's a

misconception that if, for instance, you move into an apartment and the cable is already hooked up, then it's yours to keep. That's a myth. Unless you report such service to the cable company, you're breaking the law."

MetroVision routinely patrols neighborhoods using monitoring devices outside houses to make sure that people paying for a cable signal are the only ones receiving it.

"Our cable passes 51,000 homes in Oakland County," Dinamore said. "Since we can't check every home every day, we rely heavily on tips from the community."



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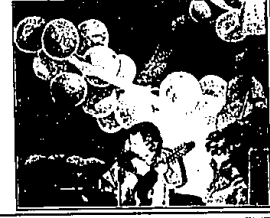
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