### **OBITUARIES**

### EUNICE C. MILLER

Mrs. Miller, 94, of Farmington died March 28 in Greenery Care

rn in Central Lake, Mich.

Center.
Born in Central Lake, Mich.,
Mrs. Miller was a teacher in the
Mimphis, Mich., achools 1919-42.
Sliy was a teacher/principal in
Centerline Schools.
Mrs. Miller was a member of
the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel.
-Survivors include her daughters, Eloise Hamler and Virginia
Ricgers; sitest, Esther Snell; 11
grändchildren and 21 great-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and four great-grandFathington, with the Rev. Larry
R. Austin officiating. Build was
in Memphis Cemetry. Memorials may be made to the Lung Association.

### MARIE (LENA) DESCUSA

Miss DeSousa, 23, of Farmington

Hills died March 31 in William Hills died March 31 in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. Born in Warren, Miss DeSousa was a graduste of Mercy High School and U of D Mercy College. She graduated Suma Cum Laude and held a degree in psychology. She was a member of Alpha Signa Nu and the Honor Society.

Survivors include her parents, Diane and Dr. Jose DeSousa; sis-ters, Cynthia, Christina and Vanessa; brother, Jason; grand-mothers, Eleanor Angelone and Maria DeSousa.

Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, April 4, in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington, Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, South-field.

Memorials may be made to Oakwood Hospital in memory of Lena DeSousa, 18101 Oakwood Blvd. Dearborn 48123.

Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

# Affidavit\_deadline: Missing it to be taxing

BY PAT MURPHY STAFF WRITER

It's hard to imagine homeowners missing a chance to cut prop-

ers missing a chance to cut property taxes.

But that's exactly what about 14 percent of Oakland County residents are in danger of doing if they miss the extended deadline for filing the affidavit for the Homestead exemption from some school property taxes.

"We Just want to remind home owners they can still qualify for the tax cut," county executive Brooks Patterson said Thursday. "But they shouldn't wait too long."

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The tax cut, of course, was linked to Proposal A, the state wide ballot proposal that won about 70 percent of the vote cast March 15. That proposal — a crucial part of Gov. John Engler's school financing reform — raised the state sales tax from four to six percent.

percent.
While Proposal A passed easily, tax relief is not automatic. To qualify for reductions ranging as high as 65 percent, home owners must file the Homestead affidavit stipulating their residence is in fact their home.

March 1 to file, and the county sent out about 342,000 computer-ized forms. But that deadline was extended until May 1, about four

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unis who, according to records, are eligible for the tax cut, but have not yet filled the affidavit to qualify.

The first of the letters went out last week, and the remainder will follow quickly.

Oakland is also re-emphasizing the Homestead Hotline through whilch home owners can get additional information. That number



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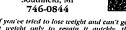
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