

# 11 claim PTA arts honors

The Michigan PTA awarded medals to 11 Farmington students in recognition for outstanding entries in the PTA Reflections contest.

Three Farmington students were honored in the Visual Arts Category: Ann Lichtman from Hillside placed second (pre-school-2), Rei Usuba from Beechview placed first (grades 3-5) and Elise Grinberg from Beechview received an honorable mention (pre-school-2).

In the Photography category, Keith Button from Hillside received a medal for his third-place entry (pre-school-2). Candice Lowe of Woodcreek and John Armstrong of Longacre earned honorable mention (3-5).

Two Farmington students — Tiffany Luse from Hillside (third-place, pre-school through second grade) and Gayan DeSilva from Longacre (honorable mention, 3-5 grades) — were recognized for their musical compositions.

The literature category also netted three awards for Farmington students: Jamie Olen from Kenbrook placed third (pre-school-2) while honorable mention went to Kevin Tobin from Woodcreek (pre-school-2) and Christopher Bretten from Beechview (3-5).



Hillside's winners: Principal Jan Colliton shows off Hillside School's PTA Reflections winners at the state level: Keith Button, Anna Lichtman and Tiffany Luse.

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costs are parred from the revamped proposal. So, too, is \$2.3 million in maintenance work planned at Farmington Training Center, Ten Mile School and Farmington Community School.

Upgrades to school facilities — many of which are 30 years and older — remains at the heart of the latest effort.

Technology — mainly using bond money to buy computers — didn't sit well with "no" voters who took part in two focus groups and a town hall hearing last week. Instead, the district will try to pay for computers out of its operational budget and use alternative funding sources.

"We heard the community say loud and clear that bonding for computers in particular was not the way to go because of the obsolescence issue," said Sus Zurvalec, assistant superintendent for Community Relations.

Those surveyed also felt the \$110 million requested "was just too much," Zurvalec said.

By splitting the package into two proposals, district officials are responding to another voter desire: To have a choice in the ballot booth.

School officials also feel the revised bond measure maintains goals set out in the initial blue ribbon financial strategies

report. "We haven't sold out anything," Maxfield said. "We've simply sharpened the pencil and come to the conclusion we will have to do without some things."

The first proposal, or the "nuts and bolts" plan as Maxfield called it, for \$74 million calls for additional classroom space as well as upgrades to high school media centers at North Farmington and Harrison High.

Applied technology areas would be remodeled under the second proposal. Auxiliary gyms would be added at Farmington and North Farmington and the pool at Farmington High pool would be upgraded to regulation size.

The first proposal includes \$300,000 of plumbing work merely to merely keep the outdated pool open.

TV-10 studios at North Farmington High would be expanded, but possibly scaled back from original plans.

A supporter of the previous bond expressed concern over separating the issue into two proposals, possibly jeopardizing one or the other.

"I think it may introduce a question of relative needs," said Dick Wallace, who served on the financial strategies committee.

Another resident reminded trustees of the March proposal's narrow defeat.

"Don't forget we only lost by 200 votes; we're not going to reinvent the wheel here," said Bill Sieber, Farmington Hills resident. "We were there. A little better publicity and a few more facts out there and this would've won."

But board trustees spent five hours Monday listening to findings of the focus group meetings conducted by Public Sector Consultants to find out why the \$110 million proposal wasn't palatable to voters. The board has heard their concerns, trustee Cathy Webb said.

Two proposals will make the district's needs clearer to voters and easier sell, trustees said.

"I want to win," Trustee Jack Inch said.

# Farmington grads earn honors at U-M

The following Farmington area graduates were honored among 5,730 University of Michigan students at the Honors Convocation: Eric Roth, Marisa Bowlsron, Paul Ryan, Matthew Salter, Allison Schmar, David Schultz, Kenneth Shah, Manali Shah, Matthew Shephard, Emily Shively, Neil Sitron, Eric Staim, Robert Stridgen, Monica Tama and Gregory Weiner.

Brady, Amy Dunbar, Benjamin Ellis, Brendan Fay and Nicole Fleischer.

Carlin Flora, Carole Friedman, Suzie Grosh, Joshua Herman, Stephanie Herzberg, Tanya Andrzejewski, Jayann Bregand, Joey Burns, Michael Hoffman, Shawn Kahn, Jianjing Li, Carolyn Owen, Abby Patel, Katherine Ralston and Jennifer Sloane.

Matthew Holtzman, Alisa Koval, Patrick McCarthy, Alberto Pinedo, Matt Shultz, Jonathan Stern, Boyd Stitt, Melissa Walker, Elona Weintraub, Aaron Weiss, Allison

Zameck, Itai Zohar, Kevin Afferbaugh, Noemi Balogh, Ilyse Broder, Jennifer Buckley, Charmaine Cardozo, Kristi Cornwell, Stacie Cornwell, Brian Davis, Lynne Domas, Daniel Greas, Lynette Hart and Kathleen Mahon.

Thomas May, Laura McWilliam, Matthew Michalski, Elizabeth Mombanco, Stacey Moore, Keri Nicholas, Jennifer Nichols, Audrey Paschke, Kedarnath Sathe, Kimberly Seed, Adam Smith, Deborah Sobczak, Timothy Street, Mark Strohmaier and Julie Young.

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information that could be given. The council should have a date certain to review the planning commission's proposal.

Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said that the council plans to take up the issue at the June 16 meeting.

The so-called moratorium would not affect any pending project but would guard against anything being

placed in a residential district until an ordinance can formalize a policy one way or another.

The planning commission's recommended ordinance would allow for selected placement of cellular equipment in non-residential uses, such as churches, within residential areas with restrictions and a case-by-case review.

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<b>Saturday, May 17</b> 2:00pm <b>SHERWIN T. WINE</b> Founder of The Birmingham Temple for Humanistic Judaism and the national Society for Humanistic Judaism Author of <i>STAYING SANE IN A CRAZY WORLD</i>	<b>Sunday, May 18</b> 11:00am <b>BARRY RUDNER</b> Author of <i>FILET OF SOIL</i> and other children's books on self-esteem in children	Author of <i>HEPPING THE CHALLENGE: LIVING WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS</i> 8:30pm <b>SONYA FRIEDMAN</b> Ester de Harold Luria lecturer Nationally famous psychologist, star of TV and best-selling author will discuss <i>STRESS, ILLNESS and WELLNESS</i>
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