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Maxfield now sees a ray of light for the test, particularly because attale legislators have from up with a flant to roward students who successfully take it. Each student doing so would received a one-time stipend of \$2,500.

"If I were a junior parent, I'd say to the student Take that feat," Maxfield said last week. Among those who are expected to attand Tuesday night, and be available to answer parents questions, are Dorothy. Beardmore, precident of the state schools testing coordinator, Ernost Bauer, school district courselves and the schools testing coordinator. curriculum representatives and state Rep. Andrew Roczkowski, R-Farmington

Hills. In addition to having ques-tions answered, the meeting is intended to loarn the content-and format of the high school MEAP, which until that year was known as the High School

was known as the High School Proficiency Test.
Subject areas included in the high school MEAP are mathematics, science, reading and writing with social studies added this year.

MEAP results are viewed by Farmington educators as a valuable measuring stick, although only part of the assessment picture.

But with so few students taking it last year, resulting test scores were deemed of little or no value by Maxfield dur

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ing the November press conter-ence.
"We need to demystify the test," he said then. "... The message we heard, over and over (from parents) was, I'm not confident about what's not confident about what's going to happen with those cores. I'm afreid it might hurt my kid.' And, No. 2, 'He's been tested to death already.' You've got to break that cycle somehow."

The high school MEAP is administered at the same time as other 'high stakes' exams such as the American College Test and Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Those attending the session are asked to park in the large lot west of the school.

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make involves how the new road surface will be tined, which puts in grooves to improve traction. Consistent tinning where

there is a pattern of grooves creates a whirring sound. Residents will suggest random tinning, which decreases noise by three decibels but husn't been done on state highways. Since I-276's reconstruction

doesn't create any new rights of way, MDOT officials weren't required to do a noise abatement

MDOT plans to do a sound atudy once the project is finished, a department spokesman said. A study was done in 1990 when decibel levels were between 66-67.

Sharpe measured 86 decibels along 1-275 around 2:30 p.m. weekdays.

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weekdays.
Traffic increased substantially
in 10 years. In 1985, 132,000
vehicles traveled 1-275 daily.
Nearly 200,000 vehicles in different shapes and sizes use the
state highway.





"We're getting more and more and large vehicles, sport utility and tandem trucks," said Sharpe, who is a retired teacher. Residents believe M-5's connection to 14 Mile will only increase 1-275 traffic. While not delving into specifics, most of their proposed alternatives deal with noise at the source. One of their main contentions is asphalt is quieter than concrete. MDOT used asphalt to resurface 1-275 three years Oago.
"It was tike a blanket was dropped from heaven. It was so much more quieter," Sharpe said.

said.

To switch to asphalt at this stage, the project would have to be redesigned and rebid, delaying needed improvements, MDOT officials said. The project came in \$31 million under esti-

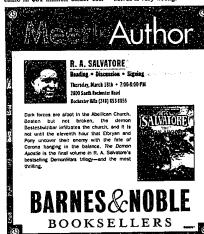
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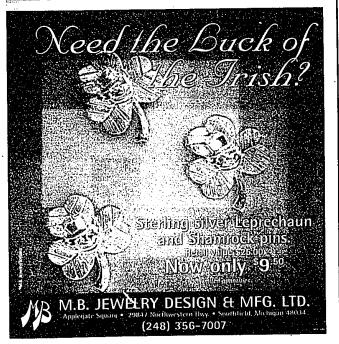
Fliors went out to people in Meadowbrock Hills, Forest, Woods and Park as well as Livonia Hills subdivisions notifying them of Tuesday's meeting.

Listening to 96 decibels for four hours causes permanent hearing damage, according to Occupational Safety and Health Administration. "What hoppens if you listen to 86 decibel 24 hours each day?" is the question asked in the file.

Joan Barber, who lives on Nine Mile next to 1275, doesn't need a filer to eax her to Lansing.

"I think the way things have developed is that they don't pay attention us to anymore, Barber said." ... The business of just ramming this through and leaving everyone to fend for themselves is very wrong."





Death from page A1

Matthew reportedly was despondent over a personal mat-

ter.
Results of an autopsy were not yet available as of late Friday afternoon, police said.
Survivors include parents Wendy J. Conway of Farmington and Larry (Beth) Willer, brother David Willer; sisters Becky Willer and Caroline Conway;

grandparents Carol (Jeffrey) Starr, J.B. and Evelyn Willer and Robert Denison. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that momorials be sent to Farmington Families in Action, 33000 Thomas St., Farm-inger, 46295.

Action, 33000 Thomas Sc., Farmington, 48336.
Visitation for Matthew is scheduled from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington, which

handled funeral arrangements

Services will be noon Monday, March 15, at St. Gerald Church in Farmington with the Rev. Daniel W. Cave officiating, Barrett said students and staff will be attending.

Burial will be at Acacia Park Cemetery, in Birmingham. Staff writer Heather Needham

contributed to this report.

Students take their learning to the courtroom

North Farmington High School students were among more than 250 Michigan high school stu-dents learning more about the legal system in the Michigan Mock Trial Tournament.

Mock Trial Tournament.
They participated as mock lawyers and mock witnesses in the tournament, which began late last month in the Grand Rapids Hall of Justice. It is continuing through Saturday, March 27, with the state finals

held at Oakland County Courthouse in Pontiae.

"It's great to see many of tomorrow's lawyers and judges...today, said Alan Saltzman, a University of Detroit law professor and one of the organizors of the tournament. "The mock trials give the students a real understanding of the legal process and how it works."

The first mock trial tournament was held in 1984 at UDM's

School of Law and its purpose was to help touch high achool students more about the legal system. Since then, the number of mock trial teams has increased from 16 to 60.

Volunteer judges from the area will score the high school students and rate them on a variety of criteria. Paralegals, legal eccretaries, law students and law clerks also volunteer as bailiffs and time keepers.

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Enberg said Wednesday.
As of Thursday, nobody else has inquired about the positions.
"We've had no calls, no ono's come in," said Judy Steinhebel, of the business office.

Steinhebel said candidates must collect 20 signatures of reg-istered voters in the district and fill out affidavits of ID. They must clearly state which term they went to seek they want to seek.
There are no other issues to be

decided by voters on election day, Monday, June 7. "It's just a regular election this time," Steinhebel said. "The OCC (election) was last year."

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Sharp was appointed by the board last summer to fill the vacancy created by the resigna-tion of trustee Joseph Svoke. Sharp will seek election to the

final year of Svoke's original

term.
The deadline for candidates to withdraw from the race is 4 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Steinhebel said.

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