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Twenty-Five Cents

Mayor loses in bid to cut library funds

By Steve Barnaby
editor

Farmington Hills Mayor Charles Williams met a barrage of opposition in an attempt to reduce the recommended budget for the city library during this week's public hearing on the proposed budget which is to be adopted at next week's council session.

The protest came when Williams proposed his own budget in an attempt to hold the city tax levy below the eight-mill limit. The administration's

proposal will boost the budget to \$2.2 million.

Although the library is only 8.3 percent (969,917) of the proposed \$15.3 million package it drew the most debate between council members and residents who attended the five-hour session.

Williams proposed to cut \$18,000 from that total and shift it to the police department.

Williams' plan also would have delayed funding for other projects such as drainage, sidewalks, a computer sys-

tem, athletic field and planning for acquisition of the Spicer property for city use as a recreational facility.

'We want to keep the library in the forefront of the new technology. Knowledge comes in different forms.'

— Jim Wibby
Library Board Trustee

Besides the library's actual rental policy, Williams also objected to the quality of some of the movies, labeling them as "pretty much R movies."

He also lashed out at such library programs as Westlaw which is used by lawyers to do research and rental of computers.

But library director Gordon Lewis countered Williams' arguments.

"Computers and video cassettes are standard in the profession," said Lewis. "But it still is a small proportion of the budget — less than 5 percent."

Library Board Trustee Jim Wibby also defended the library computer programs.

"The direction of the library is toward the library board. We want to keep the library in the forefront of the new technology. Knowledge comes in different forms," said Wibby.

Wibby also noted that the computer programs were nearly self-supporting and that much of the funding for the programs had been donated.

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Hopefuls brace for election

By Tom Baer
staff writer

Voters in the Farmington School District will pick two trustees from five candidates in the annual school election on Monday, June 11.

Polls at the district's four precincts will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

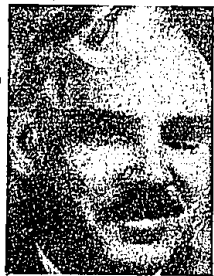
Voters who wish to cast absentee ballots may do so from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Farmington Schools Administration Building, 32990 Shawwassee Road, Farmington.

"They can come in and vote absentee in person on Saturday," said R. Scott Bacon, administrative assistant to the district's superintendent. "Obviously, it's too late for them to mail in the ballots."

THE CANDIDATES are incumbent Helen D. Prutow and challengers James J. Abernethy, J. Thomas Buck, Roxanne M. Fitzpatrick and Edmund V. Starrett.

The top two vote-getters will serve four-year terms as trustees on the board.

Prutow, currently serving her second stint as board president, is seeking a



Edmund V. Starrett



Helen D. Prutow



James J. Abernethy



J. Thomas Buck



Roxanne M. Fitzpatrick

third term, having first been elected to the board in 1976. She has been active in the Kembrook Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and has been president of the PTA council.

Prutow, 43, has been active in the League of Women Voters and the Michigan Association of Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities. Prutow and her husband, William, reside at 31741 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

The Prutows have two children, one soon to graduate from North Farmington High School.

ABERNETHY, 43, teaches architecture at Southfield's Lawrence Institute of Technology. A 17-year resident of Farmington, he serves on that city's planning commission and chairs the Farmington Meadows Homeowner's

Association. Abernethy and his wife, JoAnne, are the parents of two children in Farmington Public Schools. The Abernethys live at 21256 Birchwood.

Buck, an active member of the Farmington-Area Jaycees, supervises an education and training program at the General Motors Truck and Bus plant in Pontiac. The youngest of the candidates at 28, Buck also heads up a development program for Jaycees.

The Bucks — Tom, wife Karen and a two-year-old son — live at 35716 Power Road, Farmington Hills.

FITZPATRICK, A 32-year-old housewife, is the president of the Farmington PTA Council. As a member of school district task forces, she has studied the closing of Middlebelt

Elementary School and the sale of other school properties.

The mother of three children, two in the Farmington Public Schools, Fitzpatrick is past president of the Farmington Welcome Wagon and secretary of the South Farmington Baseball League. Her husband, Paul, is a project coordinator at Williams International in Walled Lake.

The Fitzpatricks live at 26300 Holly Hill Drive, Farmington Hills.

The 53-year-old Starrett, a longtime elementary-school teacher and a published author of children's books and games, is a relative newcomer to the Farmington area. Starrett and his wife, Monica, have a son at Harrison High School and a daughter at Central Michigan University. Starrett, now a fourth-grade teacher

in Taylor, has taught gifted and retarded children. The Starretts reside at 38675 Wellington, Farmington Hills.

TRUSTEES Jim McGilney, who occupies one of the open seats, announced in March that he would not seek re-election.

Oakland County voters, including those in the Farmington District, will be picking two members for the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees in the same election.

The field of five includes incumbent Sandra Ritter of Waterford; challengers Willard Kendall and Vern Tesler, both of Avon Township; Deanna Kozinski of Bloomfield Hills and Douglas Winkoff of Southfield. The top two vote-getters will serve

six-year terms.

THE FARMINGTON District includes Farmington, most of Farmington Hills and a small portion of West Bloomfield. The district contains about 56,000 registered voters.

Precinct No. 1 is in the Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas Street; Precinct No. 2 is in Dunclell Middle School, 32800 12 Mile Road; Precinct No. 3 is in Warner Middle School, 30305 14 Mile Road and Precinct No. 4 is in East Middle School, 25000 Middlebelt Road.

A map showing the precinct locations in the Farmington District may be found on Page 4A of today's newspaper.

Marks and Sever file for council

By Jean Adamczak
staff writer

Two campaign veterans will try again to win a seat on Farmington Hills City Council.

Ben Marks and Terry Sever have filed to run against Robert Anzlovav. Anzlovav was appointed to fill the remainder of Fred Hughes' term. Hughes resigned to take a job in New Jersey.

Marks made an unsuccessful attempt for a council seat in 1977. Although making a strong showing in the primary that year, his hopes faded in the runoff tally. Sever has run before and also applied for the vacancy left by Hughes.

Running against incumbent Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton for the 69th State Representative District seat is Farmington Hills resident Vicki Barnett.

Republican incumbent William Broomfield will be challenged by two

Democrats for his 18th Congressional seat.

Edward Sefcovic of Inlay City and Vivian Smargon of Franklin Village have both filed to run in the August primary election against Broomfield.

Judge Michael Hand will have Farmington Hills residents Mark S. Boster and Ronald A. Goldstein vying for his 47th District Court position in the August primary.

There are two candidates in the race for county commissioner in the 21st District.

Democratic incumbent Alexander C. Perinoff of Southfield, the senior member of the Oakland Commission, will be defending his post against Republican Lewis Barnett also of Southfield.

Hunting for county commissioner in the 37th District are Farmington resident Elizabeth Mibelech and incumbent John J. McDonald of Farmington Hills.



Rabbi Efray Spectre (center) guides students Gheri Bloderman, Marsha Trimes, Ella Moskowitz, Judy Lador and Sylvia Schane in a reading from the Torah during a rehearsal for a Bat Mitzvah ceremony at Adat Shalom Synagogue.

Jewish ritual opens to women

By Jean Adamczak
staff writer

A Farmington Hills Synagogue is challenging 3,500 years of Jewish law by expanding the role of women in worship ritual.

Privileges recently granted women by the board of trustees at the Adat Shalom Synagogue enable women to participate more fully in the celebration of Jewish services at the thousand member congregation.

"We are saying that women have a right to give expression publicly to their Jewish feelings and commitments," says Rabbi Efray Spectre.

Changes in the Jewish law (Halacha), have been happening gradually ever since its beginnings.

"Adat Shalom is a Conservative Synagogue," says Spectre. "we can see, in an historical approach, that Jewish law was always altered."

CHANGING JEWISH law may be done by responsible scholars working together with people who are committed to the law, says Spectre.

Adat Shalom's modifications were initiated cautiously after being studied and reported on by the Law Committee of Rabbinical Assembly and faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Spectre says this issue was important to many members of the congregation when he came to Adat Shalom six years ago.

"Many Jews believe the source of all this is God-inspired and can be found in the Talmud," says Spectre.

Women at Adat Shalom can now be called to and read the Torah (God's law for Israel) and the supplementary readings to the Torah, Haftarah and Megillot.

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oral quarrel

How do you feel about library video service?

At this week's Farmington Hills council session Mayor Charles Williams expressed reservations over the library offering video and computer services to the public and recommended cuts in the library budget.

He also said he was uneasy with some of the movie offerings which he said were appropriate only for adults. Today's Oral Quarrel question is:

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS

LIBRARY PROVIDING VIDEO AND COMPUTER SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC: HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT CENSORSHIP OF THE MATERIAL PROVIDED?

To answer today's Oral Quarrel call 477-8400. Your have until 1 p.m. on Friday to answer these questions. Look in today's Farmington Observer to see how your neighbors feel about this issue.

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