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Twenty-Five Cents

School forum will be cablecast

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Cable-TV viewers will be treated to a look at the Farmington school board candidates, following a May 29 debate among the three residents vying for two four-year seats on the seven-person board.

Newcomer Paul Blizman and incumbents Janice Rolnick and Jack Inch faced members of the American Association of University Women Farmington Chapter and guests for informal discussion and a question and answer period at Duncel Middle School.

The taped segment is scheduled for airing on local Metrovision channels 10 and 12 before the Monday, June 9, election.

Rolnick told the group she had the "qualifications one would want in a board member."

Inch said he had "gained a great deal of experience in knowing what is possible and what is not. I think

there's a great deal we can do."

Blizman called himself "well-educated and prepared to work hard for the benefit of the schools and community."

The board of education considers recommendations from the salaried administration and sets all policies for the district.

Both Inch and Rolnick are trying for their third four-year term.

Questions about board communi-

THE POLLS will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at four precincts Monday, June 9.

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Farmington FOCUS

If you have a news item, feature story idea or an action picture with a Farmington area connection, send a note to our downtown office at 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024.

HE'S tops.
Farmington Hills resident Hugh Schulkins was named Walled Lake Consolidated Schools' Teacher of the Year for 1985-86.
He teaches sociology and speech and drama at Clifford H. Smart Junior High. The 1965 North Farmington High School graduate has been with Walled Lake Schools for 14 years.
Selection was made by a committee of parents, PTA members and school board members.

GIVE blood, the gift of life.
American Red Cross bloodmobiles will visit the Farmington area twice during June.
One will be at Farmington City Hall, 31555 11 Mile, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 10. Call David Justus for an appointment, 474-6115.
From 1:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, June 16, one will be at the Farmington Hills Community Library, 32737 12 Mile. For an appointment, call Lee Ann Hamel, 553-0303.

Blood can be donated by any healthy person between 17 and 70 who weighs at least 110 pounds. The entire process, including mini-physical, donation and refreshment, takes less than an hour and can save as many as four lives.
A new, sterile needle is used for each donor.

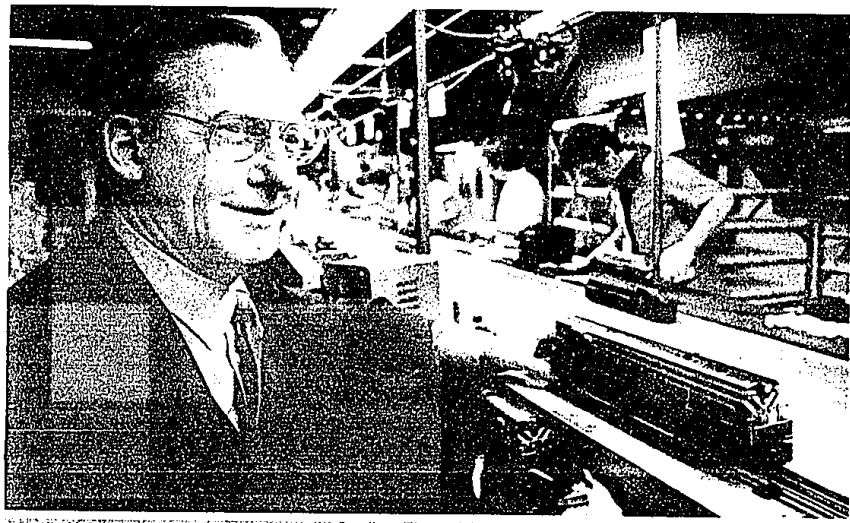
PAY up or face delinquency.
Farmington City Council took action May 19 to place delinquent payments, including special assessments and water and sewer billings, on the tax rolls.
The city will assess interest on each delinquent account.
Water to commercial buildings is shut off when customers enter the third quarter of non-payment, according to city officials.

SURE bet.
Helen Prutow, Farmington Board of Education vice president, is a shoe-in for one of two seats on the Oakland Intermediate School District board of education.
She and Bloomfield Hills resident David Sparrow are the only two candidates for two six-year positions slated to be filled today. Both are incumbents on the Oakland Schools board.

THEY'RE re-elected.
Two Farmington Hills residents were re-elected to the American Heart Association of Michigan board of trustees.
Robert Fezzy and Nancy Gallagher will begin serving their new terms July 1.
Fezzy, state board treasurer from 1983 to 1985, will be chairman of the board-elect locally for one year. Gallagher has been active in AHA activities for 10 years.

PRECINCT worker wages.
Farmington Hills City Council has approved a blanket fee of \$60 per day for precinct workers with \$10 additional for precinct chairpersons. The fee is based on a 15-hour week at about \$4 per hour.
Previously, workers were paid hourly.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Farmington Hills Democratic activist Aldo Vagnozzi is the front-runner to fill the most recently vacated library board seat.



Memories

Richard Kughn (left) renowned toy train collector and owner of Classic Auto Restoration in Oakland County, is the new owner of the 88-year-old Lionel Trains Inc. Kughn's purchase of the toy train manufacturing firm coincides with its return to Mount Clemens after several years in Mexico. The Jersey Central Fairbanks Morse Diesel Locomotive (left) with matching boxcar and caboose, is one of Lionel's 1986 Collector Line. The special edition coincides with the Statue of Liberty's centennial. For a closer look at the company behind the Lionel name, see Page 3A.

RANDY BOAST/staff photographer

Kiwanis to consider women members

By Susan Steinmueller
staff writer

Whether women should be allowed to join the now all-male Kiwanis clubs is a question to again be voted on at the service organization's international convention June 22-26 in Houston.

While such a change previously has been turned down, growing support may make women members a step closer.
Support stems from such Kiwanis

as Donald Williams, Kiwanis International president. He recently announced that the Kiwanis International's leadership "strongly supports" admission of qualified women to the service organization. Kiwanis members are professionals and business people.

"The time has come to resolve this issue in favor of women membership for the best interest of Kiwanis and the communities our clubs serve," Williams said.

Delegates voting on the issue June 24 will represent 8,000 Kiwanis clubs and 30,000 members. Michigan is entitled to 48 delegates. A two-thirds vote is needed to open the Kiwanis ranks to women.

LLOYD SMITH, Kiwanis International Michigan District governor and a Kiwanis Club of Farmington member, said the district has not taken a stand on the question. "They'll vote their own conscience,"

he said of the Michigan delegates. "There are fellows that are for it, fellows that are against it, and fellows that are ho-hum," he added.

As governor, Smith said he will take no personal stand. "I'm not taking a position because it would influence their (Michigan delegates') own personal votes. I really hang right in the middle."

In the past, courts have upheld the right of the Kiwanis, as a private organization, to limit membership to

men. Recently, courts have ruled against several men's service clubs under new state public accommodation statutes, in effect in at least 38 states.

Legal actions to defend the Kiwanis' private status likely would take years and cost millions of dollars.

Referring to those court actions, Smith said, "Now the question is, should it go state by state, or should we allow the women to join, and sidestep all the court decisions?"

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Crazy creations

A love for music helps keep him going

By Susan Steinmueller
staff writer

There's Ted Kluszewski, Dick Tractowski, Dick Brodowski, Bob Burkowski. . . .

people

"(The songs) lighten up the airways with a little giggle or silliness, which I think we can all use nowadays what with nuclear meltdowns and Libyan terrorists."

— Dan Yessian, Dan Yessian Associates

Hey, that sounds like a song. In fact, it is part of a song. The words belong to the chorus of "Baseball Polka," which tells of Polish baseball stars past and present.

It is the latest in a string of crazy creations designed for radio play by Dan Yessian and produced by his Farmington Hills company, Dan Yessian Associates.

In addition to producing original music for radio, television, slide film and motion pictures, the company represents live music entertainers. Yessian, a West Bloomfield Township resident of Armenian heritage, originally started doing novelty songs for radio personality Dick Purtan. Memorable titles from that period include, "Liz Taylor Thighs" and "Donuts Make My Brown Eyes Blue."

Although the songs are an aside from his regular business, Yessian said, "They are fun to do. They lighten up the airways with a little giggle or silliness, which I think we can all use nowadays what with nuclear meltdowns and Libyan terrorists."

"Baseball is on the minds of everybody these days, how the Tigers are doing and so forth," he said. "Again, we're just poking some fun."

"Baseball Polka" was written by Steve Bnerman, a free-lance associate. Some of the musical parodies produced by the company have been submitted by aspiring songwriters in other professions, including a radiologist. Yessian himself composes and writes much of the music produced by the company.

Yessian is a former teacher whose real dream was a career in music.



RANDY BOAST/staff photographer

Dan Yessian (right) of Dan Yessian Associates Inc., at a studio control panel with Gorard Smoroc, chief engineer at Ambience Recording Inc., Farmington Hills.

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THE SONG is a timely one.

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