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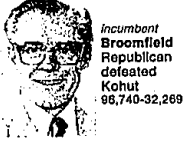
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## Elections



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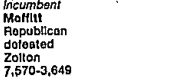
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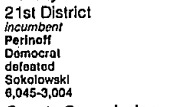
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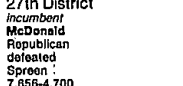
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## Farmington FOCUS

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**BEWARE.** If you receive a call from a Firefighters Association of Farmington representative soliciting a check to help fund a children's Christmas party planned for the Farmington Community Center, hang up. No such party is planned. They make it sound like a community event, but it's not. The caller urges buying up to 10 tickets at \$5 apiece and says a representative will stop by to pick up the check. No return phone number or address is ever given," said Charles DeLisle, secretary-treasurer of William H. Nash Co. of Farmington Hills, a company that donated money in past years. "I became suspicious when we'd give to three or four different organizations, then see the same guy come and pick up the checks."

## Strong showing



State Sen. Jack Faxon talks about local government and state political issues while appearing before fourth and fifth graders at Forest Elementary Monday.

## Faxon defeats Brock

By Tim Smith  
staff writer

With victory assured after Tuesday night's election, 15th District state Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, paraphrased another winning Democrat, saying what Oakland County needs is "roads, roads, roads and better roads."

The veteran Faxon, who defeated Lathrup Village Republican Frank Brock by a wide margin, said improving the district's road system is his fifth four-year term.

After a hard-fought and sometimes bitter battle between the candidates, Faxon's victory was clear when Oakland County's senior senator defeated Brock 46,222 to 27,601.

Brock carried Lathrup Village

936-705, but the incumbent was strong almost everywhere else in his district, which also includes Southfield, Farmington Hills, Farmington, Novi and Wixom. Faxon was strongest in Southfield, Oak Park and Ferndale.

In Southfield, Faxon captured 17,022 votes to Brock's 6,478. Traditionally Republican communities such as Farmington Hills, Farmington and Novi brought Brock narrow wins.

**THE CHALLENGER** defeated Faxon in Farmington Hills and Farmington, 9,660 to 8,560 and 2,030 to 1,660 respectively.

A relieved Faxon, who accused his opponent of running a "negative" campaign against him, called his triumph a "big victory." He said he lu-

ends to get right to work on district issues, such as improving roads and helping school districts recapture categorical state-aid.

"What we need to do is get the feeder roads (such as Telegraph) working. People here are frustrated by the inability to get around," said Faxon, Oakland County's senior senator with 16 years experience.

"We can't wait another 10 years to get going, or we'll all be suffering from gridlock," said Faxon.

The victory shows that "people have good judgment, that they don't like negative campaigns and that individuals who run should run on their own records, and not try to tear someone apart with false accusations and distortions," Faxon said.

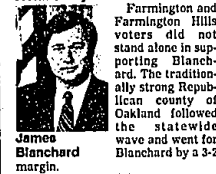
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## Community says yes to Blanchard

By Joanna Maliszewski  
staff writer

The Farmington area turned its back on long-standing Republican leanings and joined the statewide mandate for incumbent Democratic Gov. James Blanchard.

Republican or not, Wayne County Executive William Lucas simply was not who Farmington-area voters wanted as they joined other state voters in re-electing Blanchard to a second four-year term.



Farmington and Farmington Hills voters did not stand alone in supporting Blanchard. The traditionally strong Republican county of Oakland followed the statewide wave and went for Blanchard by a 3-2 margin.

The gubernatorial race was not the only one in which Farmington-area voters left Republican leanings behind. Voters overwhelmingly supported Democratic incumbents Secretary of State Richard Austin and Attorney General Frank Kelley over their respective Republican opponents, Weldon Yeager of West Bloomfield Township and St. Clair County Prosecutor Robert Cleland.

Though both communities tend to have low voter turnouts in local elections — generally less than 20 percent of registered voters — Farmington and Farmington Hills voters

made a good showing Tuesday. Of the 42,612 registered voters in Farmington Hills, 19,109 or 40.5 percent cast ballots. In Farmington, where 7,750 are registered voters, 4,053 or 52 percent cast ballots.

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## TIFA plan is OK'd

By Casey Hane  
staff writer

The final TIFA hurdle for Farmington was cleared Monday.

Following a final sales pitch from City Planner Christopher Wzancy — and only positive feedback from the audience — the city council voted unanimously to introduce an ordinance adopting the downtown plan and the tax increment financing plan for revitalizing the central business district. Councilwoman Shirley Richardson was absent.

Wzancy spoke to a full council chambers, calling the plan a "no frills" one.

"It is quite enjoyable because it's such an unusual plan," he said.

He cited local support, the short-term length of the program and allocation for continued project maintenance as the unusual aspects of the city's redevelopment efforts.

"We're not talking about a wild scheme, but an expansion of existing patterns," he added. "We feel we have to equal or surpass what the competition is doing."

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## Old house could get new home

By Joanna Maliszewski  
staff writer

It's still preliminary. But Farmington Hills officials believe they're closer to finding a new home for the 150-year-old Harger House.

At a Farmington Hills City Council special study session Monday, City Manager William Costick detailed proposed preliminary plans for the controversial stone house that sits in the commons area of the Farmington Hills Hunt Club subdivision, east of Halsted, north of Grand River.

An unidentified potential buyer has made an offer to the Farmington Hills Historic District Commission to relocate the house to city-owned 1 1/2 acres next to the historic Pottibone House, 36400 12 Mile.

Jean Fox, Historic District Commission chairwoman, was unavailable for comment.

Though it has been determined the Harger House cannot be relocated without damaging it, the potential buyer intends to strip the stone and other exterior designs and move them to the new site. A replica of the original frame would be built on the 12 Mile site, while the existing frame would be destroyed and basement filled in, Costick said.

The potential buyer, who wants to turn the house into an office, has been informed that the house must be rebuilt according to historic regulations, Costick said. City officials did not discuss whether the house would have to be purchased first in order to be disassembled and moved.

**BUT COSTICK** told council members that the city-owned acreage

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The historic Harger House has sat on a rise along Halsted, south of 11 Mile, for 150 years.

## AIDS: It's thrust of national debate

By Casey Hane  
staff writer

While national school and community leaders call for AIDS education at the elementary level, local officials are taking a cautious look at developing guidelines to deal with the disease.

The surgeon general, C. Everett Koop, national educators and parent groups agree that frank talk, as early as possible, is the best weapon available against acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

The National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine in Washington, D.C., recently declared the disease a national epidemic.

Koop called for education beginning in the third grade; others said they are not sure what is an appropriate age.

"Everyone's a little cautious about that. The hangup is the homosexual aspect. To explain to children of that age what homosexuality is, this is

**'Whatever we do, it's absolutely imperative that we have the parents' support. The best thing is for the parents to get involved.'**

— Helen Prutow  
school board president

what raises the red flag," said Howard Carroll of the National Education Association, the nation's largest teacher union and the parent organization to the Farmington Education Association.

The AIDS issue and its effect on curriculum in Farmington Public Schools has not been addressed. Zan Alley, executive director for the FEAs, said, "There's been no discussion at the local level" with her group.

**THE FARMINGTON** school board has no specific policy on AIDS, but follows guidelines issued by the Oakland County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta.

The CDC guidelines advise communicable diseases be handled on a case-by-case basis, involving parents, family doctor, county health officials and school officials when necessary. One Farmington official views AIDS as a communicable dis-

ease, and a serious one. "It's a very sensitive area, and a very important one," Farmington Board of Education President Helen Prutow said. "I'm hoping we will take all due caution." In approaching the topic in all areas.

Revising the district's policy to specifically include AIDS "would probably be an important thing to do," she said.

The Farmington board has not considered adopting a sample policy suggested by the Michigan Board of Education, Prutow added. Teaching the topic has not been addressed. Special Education Supervisor for Farmington Schools Janice Richards served on the state committee that studied the issue beginning last December. The state Board of Education adopted its group's AIDS position paper on April 8.

The paper elaborates on CDC guidelines, offering local districts inservice training, statewide confer-

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