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ABOUT 200 people were shocked into the Farmington Hills City Council election just a week away, the crowd included most of the council hopefuls who may have been doing some last-minute campaigning.

A brief recognition award ceremony was videotaped and shown on monitors in other parts of the house.

"There are more people here than there are at most city council meetings," said Hills Mayor Aldo Vaggoni to his TV audience.

"I should have had my fund-raiser here," quipped an incumbent Hills councilman watching in another room.

The Voters Center was open to the public last weekend. For details of the event, see the Suburban Life section of Thursday's Farmington Observer.

HEAR YE! Hear ye! Elaine McDermott, administrator of Marian, Oakland West, a residence for independent older adults, has been appointed by the Farmington Hills City Council to serve on the city's Commission on Aging. Her term expires in 1994.

ANYONE HAVE a coat for a kid?

Bias have been placed in two local drop-off sites — the Farmington Hills City Hall, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, and the Farmington Community Library, 37377 12 Mile Road — for the annual Coats For Kids program. New and used coats, sizes 6-16, may be dropped off there.

Coats For Kids was conceived about 10 years ago by an area retail store in response to the needs of the "new poor" who emerged after large-scale plant closings and layoffs in industrial centers.

Since the first coats were donated by metro Detroiters in 1982, more than 90,000 new and like-new coats have been given to school-age children.

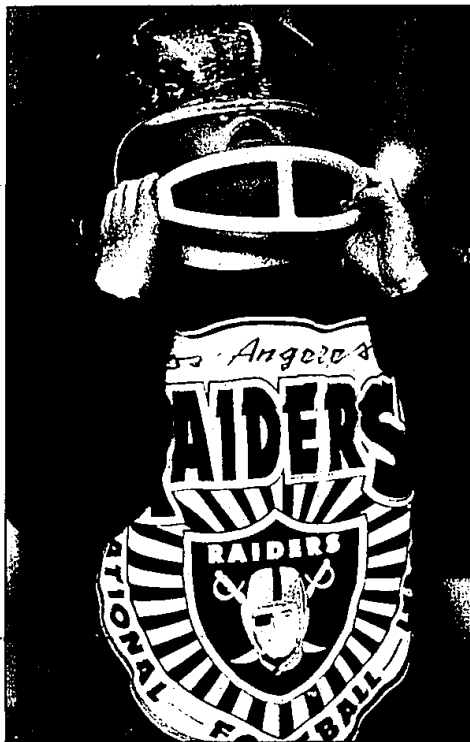
The program, sponsored by W2YZ (Channel 7) and radio station WJLB in connection with Mic' Con and the Salvation Army, will run through Nov. 29.

MEMORY LANE — From the Nov. 8, 1991 Farmington Enterprise:

About 200 canaries and parakeets were smothered to death when a fire broke out in a bird aviary at 21221 Waldron, Farmington Township. Estimates by Mrs. Dompierre, owner of the aviary, placed the loss at \$5,000 in birds and damage to the structure. The fire started when a box of sawdust was ignited by an electric heater used to warm the birds.

A ground was broken for the Farmington Township School District's 10 Mile School. The district was starting a \$1.75 million building program, which included a new high school on Silwassee west of Orchard Lake Road.

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Halloween scenes

Halloween is always a big scene for youngsters to play in the halls and classrooms of Farmington-area schools. The celebration can have religious overtones, as was the case at St. Fabian School in Farmington Hills where fourth-graders Jamie Harris (above left) and Patrick Lynn walk through the halls dressed as St. Elizabeth and St. Patrick. At the Fairview Early Childhood Development Center, Bryan Gloss (left), and early 5, seems to be lost in his football costume. The Halloween parade at Fairview concluded with the "Hokey Pokey," instead of the Hokey Pokey.

2 dead; marital woes blamed

By JoAnne Maliszewski
staff writer

Marital problems are believed to have led to the murder-suicide of a Farmington Hills couple, whose bodies were discovered in their fashionable Hamblewood Manor condominium just after 4 p.m. Thursday.

The 24-year-old daughter of Jasper Jones Jr., 52, discovered the bodies of her father and stepmother, Susan Harris Jones, 44, in their Ridgedale Court condominium after co-workers of her stepmother called to say she had not been at work, said Sgt. Charles Nebus of the Farmington Hills police.

"She (Susan Jones) recently informed him (Jasper Jones) earlier this week that she wanted a divorce," Nebus said. "We are speculating that there may have been an argument and he tried to prevent her from leaving."

Neighbors at the condominium complex, where the Jones' lived for several years, told police they did not hear gunshots or other unusual noises, despite common walls between the attached condominiums. Shaken neighbors were assured by police that there appeared to be no suspect at large and that it was safe for children to trick-or-treat Halloween night, Nebus said.

POLICE BELIEVE Jasper Jones shot his wife in the head and then turned the gun on himself. The husband was found still clutching a handgun, Nebus said.

Autopsies were expected to be performed Friday. Toxicology tests results, however, were not expected to be completed immediately.

Susan Jones, a french teacher at Henry Ford High School, Detroit, was found in the laundry room of the condominium near the service door leading to the one-car garage. Jasper Jones, a science teacher at Cooley High School, Detroit, was found in the master bedroom.

Neus said Jones was fully dressed in street clothes, including a jacket. Jasper Jones was found in a suit and tie, Nebus said.

Hills, Farmington vote Tuesday

Newcomer assured of victory

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5-for-3 race seen as close one

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Farmington City Council

More election coverage: Pages 2A, 4A, 8A

By JoAnne Maliszewski
staff writer

Farmington Hills voters will choose from a field of seven candidates when they go to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 5, to elect four city council members.

Three seats are open with three incumbents seeking re-election. A fourth seat also is open by councilwoman Jean Fox's decision not to seek re-election after four years on the council.

The candidates are incumbents Terry Sever, Nancy Bates and Larry Lichtman. Challengers include Joanne Smith, Paul Sowerby, Ronald Oliverio, and write-in candidate Andrew Raczakowski.

The top three vote-getters will earn four-year terms. The fourth-place finisher will get a two-year term. The winners will be sworn in by City Clerk Kathy Dornan at the next council meeting Monday, Nov. 11.

Sever, 41, is seeking election to a third term — he's had one two-year term and a four-year term. In 1978, he made his first unsuccessful bid for the council. He took off a few years during which he became president of the Michigan Jaycees. Again in 1984, Sever lost his bid for the council. In 1985, he lost by one vote to councilman Ben Marks in a recount. In 1986, Sever got his seat on the council by seven votes.

In 1990, Sever also threw his hat into a bigger political ring — the race for state Senate. He didn't win

but he captured 36 percent of the combined Farmington-Farmington Hills votes.

Sever owns TL Printing, Farmington. He and his wife, Linda, have three children, Jennifer, Melissa and Aaron.

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By Casey Hens
staff writer

It promises to be a close race, if talk around town is accurate.

The three incumbents seeking re-election to the Farmington City

Council Tuesday are running hard, with two challengers — including a former city councilman and a newcomer who is challenging the city establishment — following closely at their heels.

Incumbents Ralph Yoder, William Hartsock and JoAnne McShane seek to retain their seats, while former councilman Arnold Campbell tries to regain the seat he lost in 1989 and challenger John Kenney makes his second bid for council.

Three seats on the non-partisan panel are open. The two top vote-getters will get four-year terms, and the third place winner will earn a two-year term.

Following are profiles on each candidate, in alphabetical order:

Arnold Campbell

A quality associate with Ford Motor Company, the 13-year resident of the city considers himself a man of the people — someone with whom the average citizen can relate. If elected, Campbell, 40, says he will treat his constituents as customers. "If elected to this office, I become an employee of the residents of Farmington," he said.

A longtime council watcher, Campbell was first elected to the council in 1985, ousting an incumbent councilman to earn a four-year term. He was defeated on his second attempt in 1989, but this time around has been actively knocking on doors and talking with residents. Married with two children, Campbell lives on Birchwood Street and is also active in various school groups.

Ballot at a glance

ELECTION DAY — Tuesday, Nov. 5

POLLS OPEN — 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL — (regular term, vote for not more than four) Nancy Bates, Lawrence Lichtman, Ronald Oliverio, Terry Sever, Joanne Smith, Paul Sowerby (Top three finishers win four-year terms, next highest finisher earns a two-year term)

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL — (regular term, vote for not more than three) Arnold Campbell, William Hartsock, John Kenney, JoAnne McShane, Ralph Yoder (Top two finishers earn four-year terms, next highest finisher wins a two-year term)

COUNTY BOND PROPOSITION — Farmington and Farmington Hills voters will join other Oakland County communities in deciding on a \$500 million bond issue to build and operate a waste-to-energy incinerator, recycling and composting facilities, a sanitary landfill and begin a household hazardous waste program.

CITY BOND PROPOSITION (FARMINGTON HILLS) — Voters are asked to approve a \$1.625 million bond issue to expand the 47th District Court to allow room for the addition of a third judge. (This is the Farmington Hills portion of the court project; the balance of the \$1.8 million would be paid by Farmington voters. It will cost the average taxpayer with a \$100,000 house about \$3.72 per year for 20 years.)

CITY BOND PROPOSITION (FARMINGTON) — Voters are asked to approve a \$175,000 bond issue to expand the 47th District Court to allow room for the addition of a third judge. (This is the Farmington portion of the court project; the balance of the \$1.8 million would be paid by Farmington Hills voters. It will cost the average taxpayer with a \$100,000 house about \$2.50 per year for 20 years.)

NOTE: Both bond propositions must pass separately in each city for the 47th District Court project to be approved.

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