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Vagnozzi to run again

■ Lots of political maneuvering lies ahead before voters settle the city council races. But one councilman — Farmington Hills' Aldo Vagnozzi — was the first to announce his re-election bid.

By BILL COUTANT
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Longtime political activist Aldo Vagnozzi plans to add to his political career by seeking another term on the Farmington Hills City Council.

Vagnozzi, 67, a publishing consult-

ant, became the first announced city candidate last week.

He began his involvement in politics in 1948, during the administration of Democratic Gov. G. Mennen (Soppy) Williams. He moved from Detroit to Farmington Hills in 1960 and has been active in local city and school politics since.

"I've never been one to be coy about running or not running," he said.

Vagnozzi will be seeking another four-year term on Nov. 2.

The former Hills mayor cited a permanent location for senior programs

as one of the key issues he championed.

"Uppermost," he said, "is to work out a permanent solution for the seniors program, which would include facilities for the cultural arts as well as promised during the 1991 parks and recreation millage election."

Vagnozzi said the two-year lease the council adopted with the Mercy Center in February gives the city little time in which to come up with a long-term solution.

The former Farmington Board of

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Aldo Vagnozzi: "I've never been one to be coy about running or not running."

Undercover cops keep late hours, blend in



By BILL COUTANT
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It's about 8:30 on a mild, but foggy, evening in Farmington Hills. Two men have parked their car in the now-empty lot of a business on Eight Mile.

They get out and walk east. Maybe they've run out of gas or have something else wrong with their car.

But an undercover police officer has his suspicions.

"Raven," as he's called by the other four officers in the Farmington Hills Police undercover unit, tells his partners the location of the car, and the men and the wheels start rolling — literally.

Before midnight, the two men will have been arrested for breaking and entering and possession of marijuana.

Craig, who goes by the nickname "Duffin" because of his inflated golf handicap, leaves 12 Mile, where he has been checking hotel parking lots that are potential targets for criminals stealing cars or breaking into them. While heading toward Eight Mile he punches in a car license-plate number of a new model with four teens in it.

Idea is to blend in

"It's just a lease from the (Metro) airport," Duffin says. "But you check on something like that."

The heavy traffic makes it slow going. So like every other motorist, Duffin has to take it easy. Getting anybody's attention, including a uniformed officer's, wouldn't make his job any easier.

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Parents not all sold on home drug tests

By SUE BUCK
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In the war on drugs, Farmington Hills' Thomas Sudyk wants to give parents an edge with his well-publicized drug testing kit.

But at least one parent with a deep involvement in an anti-substance abuse program says she's not keen on the idea of home drug testing.

"I'm not real crazy about this drug kit from the way it's being described," said Sue Doleah, the community liaison for Farmington Families in Ac-

tion, which has sponsored an anti-drug message locally for the last 10 years.

"We basically feel that if you're suspicious, you should seek professional help, especially if there are signs of paraphernalia," said Doleah.

Other experts have said that if parents have to resort to home drug testing, there's already a big problem at home. Others add that the test may destroy the trust between parent and child.

But Sudyk, a former administrator

for a Texas correction facility, defends his kit.

The eight-month Farmington Hills resident and chief executive officer for Omega Services Inc., a mail-order company, said his firm has sold about 200 kits that enable parents to test the urine of their children for drug use.

Serves 'a real need'

Sudyk said he has set up two drug and alcohol treatment centers in Dallas, Texas, and another in New Mexico.

"I see this (the kit) as a real need," Sudyk said. "It gives the first option to parents."

With drug treatment, the chances for recovery are real, he says, compared to drug prevention programs which are "emotionally based and passive," according to Sudyk.

Questions of trust replace questions of drug use when a parent confronts his child, Sudyk said.

Sudyk's associates are Loren Mur-

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Firm, 3 officers charged with defrauding state

By SUE BUCK
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An indictment has been filed against Lear Environmental, Inc., of Farmington Hills and three company officers charging them with defrauding the state Underground Storage Tank Financial Act Fund (MUSTFA).

Attorney General Frank J. Kelley charges that the defendants defrauded the fund of more than \$700,000 be-

tween April 1991 and January 1992.

The complaint, filed in 47th District Court in Farmington Hills April 6, charges the company with three counts of fraud and six counts of attempting to defraud MUSTFA through the submission of false documents.

Three company officers were also charged with a variety of types of fraud or attempted fraud.

Arraigned are George Cline, 30, of

Clarkston, president; John Church, 32, of Farmington, secretary and Tom Williams, 28, of Canton, Treasurer.

Their preliminary exam is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. June 3 before Judge Fred Harris.

Their attorney, William Buffalino of St. Clair Shores, did not return phone calls Friday.

Cleanup of a leaking underground storage tank must include removal of the leaking tank as well as the soil

surrounding it. The hole must then be filled with sand.

Companies contracting to clean up the sites submit invoices to MUSTFA for the work performed and receive reimbursement for those expenses.

Kelley alleges that Lear and its officers submitted invoices for sand that was never received and inflated

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It's a girl!

Larry Lichtman, Farmington Hills mayor pro-tem, couldn't make it to the March 29 Citizens Ice Arena Committee meeting.

But Lichtman had a good excuse: He was with his wife Holly, who gave birth to a 7-pound, 14-ounce girl at 11:48 a.m. Friday, March 28, at Detroit's Sinai Hospital. Her name: Charlotte Rose.

"We're pretty excited," Lichtman said. "My wife had to stay in the hospital for awhile. The delivery was by Caesarean section. All four (births) have been C sections."

The Lichtmans are also parents of Nathan, 13, Lindsay, 10, and Anna, 9.

Taxing night coming

It's getting on toward crunch time for taxpayers who haven't mailed in their returns.

FARMINGTON FOCUS

The Farmington Post Offices and the Farmington Hills Branch Library are making plans to handle the last-minute rush on deadline day — Thursday, April 15.

The Hills Branch Library on 12 Mile Road will be open until 11 a.m. Thursday to accommodate last-minute tax filers. A collection of tax forms will be available.

In an effort to accommodate last-minute taxpayers, the Postal Service has established a late night pick-up at both local post offices: 32455 W. 12 Mile Road (next door to the Hills Branch Library), Farmington Hills, and 33200 Slocum Street, Farmington.

All mail deposited into the specially marked collection boxes at these post offices before 11:59 p.m. April 15 will receive an April 15 postmark. Anyone with questions should call 653-3910.

'Back to the Future!'

Group du jour, a Farmington Hills-based symphony orchestra conducted by Karen Nixon, will present "Back to the Future!" at 7 p.m. Friday, April 23, at Dublin Hall in the Mercy Center, 11 Mile and Middlebell roads, Farmington Hills.

Selections from Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 ("From the New World") and Holst's "The Planets" will be played. Tickets at \$10 for adults and \$8 for students or seniors may be purchased at the door or in advance at Fox Formal Wear, 33225 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Call 478-2075 for more information.