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# 'New right' label sparks outcry



A recent forum about the dangers of the "New Right" left some Observer readers and local GOP leaders upset. They say the program didn't have the "right" stuff.

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
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A panel forum earlier this month on "Exposing the New Right" has exposed some sore spots and drawn some angry responses from Observer readers who say they are offended at being lumped in with the Ku Klux Klan and the "lunatic fringe."

A panel that included Oakland University communications professor Sharon Howell, Howard Simon of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Rev. Ann Kramel, Birmingham Schools trustee Patricia Godchaux, state Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, and J.B. Dixon, a public relations specialist, discussed the agenda

of the extreme right wing in American politics at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills May 11.

"Just being categorized with these extremist groups is politically correct bigotry," said Regina Saler, a Farmington Hills mother of three. "To label us (Christians) a danger just because they don't agree with us is scary. It reinforces the idea that anyone who is religious is a gun-toting fanatical person. That's guilt by association."

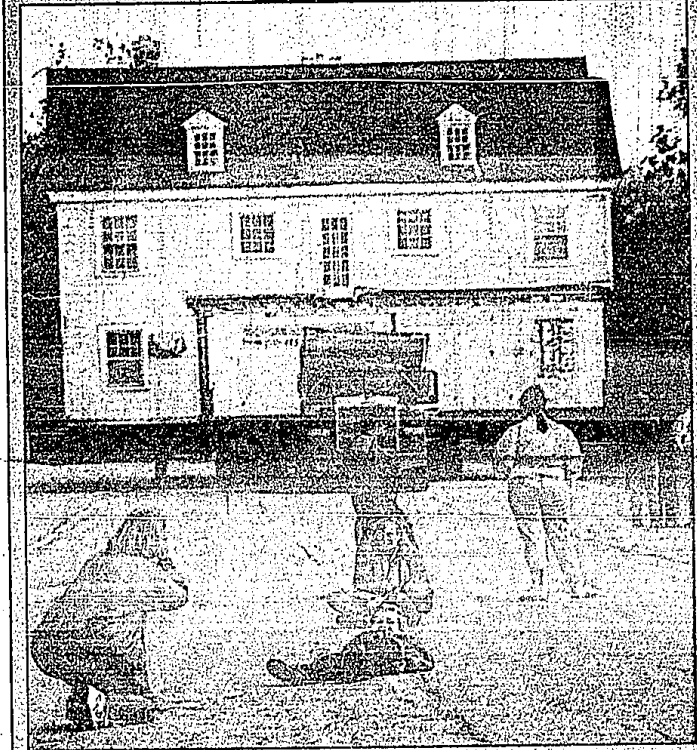
Christians weren't the only religious group upset about remarks made

during the forum. "I was appalled," said Lori Kepes, who is Jewish and secretary for the Republican Party in the 11th Congressional District. "I attended and I couldn't believe that they were talking about tolerance and then labeling everyone."

Andres Fischer, a Birmingham attorney, first vice chairwoman of state GOP and an Oakland University trustee, said the characterization of conservative Republicans as anti-

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## House on the move!



Quits an event: Carol Maus takes a photo of her children Karl and Katie as they lie in the middle of Farmington Road Wednesday, awaiting the moving house behind them. Carol and husband Phil took the children out of school so they could witness the event as a family. See related story on Page 2A

SHARON LEMMON/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Forum draws ho-hums

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
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They came. They sat. They answered questions.

A winner? With seven candidates, it had to be the timekeeper.

Otherwise, no clear-cut victor emerged from Thursday's "Meet the Candidates Night" at Southwest Oakland Cable television studios for

## CANDIDATES

the upcoming Farmington Schools election. The hour-long program was taped and will air several times prior to the Monday, June 14 election.

League of Women Voters, Oakland Area and the American Association of University Women, Farmington Branch, sponsored the forum featuring the contenders vying for two seats on the Farmington School Board.

Linda DePorter from League of Women Voters, Oakland Area moderated the program. Candidates gave opening and closing statements.

They were each given a minute or 30 seconds to answer questions.

"I was surprised we got in as many (questions) as we did," said candidate Bobbie Feldman. "I didn't think we would have enough time."

Seven of the nine candidates were present. Joel Marwil and Charles Remus did not attend.

Those who did show tackled questions on school violence, the voucher system, the Michigan Model, millage increases, expanded cable coverage and testing.

Only queries on the Michigan Model and supporting millage increases produced a contrast of opinions.

Feldman said she fully supported the entire Michigan Model while Kenneth Stein said he was unfamiliar with the comprehensive health cur-

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# Remus relies on credentials

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
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Charles Remus plans to walk softly and let his credentials be his big stick.

Remus is a relatively unknown candidate in this year's Farmington school election. He knows it, and almost seems to revel in his obscurity.

The Farmington Schools election is Monday, June 14. Remus is one of nine candidates for the school board.

He doesn't plan to go door to door and was a no-show at Thursday's candidates forum.

"I'm not going to expend a whole lot of energy into this endeavor," said

## ELECTION

Remus, 61, who lives in Farmington. "I'd like to win for the good of the system."

Remus places the decision with the voters. He's already stated if there is a better candidate, may they win.

Lee Iacocca might sign on with a comment like that. Likewise, Robert Conrad could advocate Remus take his resume, place it on his shoulder and dare anyone to knock it off.

The document is two pages filled with educational experiences spanning 30 years.

Entries include serving as a Detroit Public Schools area assistant superintendent, as principal at three high schools (Henry Ford, Renaissance and Cass Tech), and as a teacher.

Remus holds doctoral and master's degrees from Wayne State University.

He's a chairman on the North Central Accreditation organization and is the academic dean at Orchard Lake St. Mary's College.

The job at St. Mary's came after an acoustical tumor led Remus to retire from Detroit Schools. Surgery eventually corrected the ailment.

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Charles Remus

## And for starters . . .

David York jumped Terry Fobbs the other day, but it had nothing to do with political animosity.

The two Farmington Hills residents, candidates for the Farmington School Board in the June 14 election, attended Tuesday's board of education meeting.

During the meeting, someone announced that a van in the parking lot had its lights on. Fobbs put his hand to his head and said, "Oh no. . ." He checked and returned with the sad news that his battery was dead.

But after the meeting it was rival David York who came to the rescue. As raindrops fell, York used his car to jump-start Fobbs' van. Fobbs and York are among the nine candidates

## FARMINGTON FOCUS

— eight challengers and an incumbent — seeking election to the board.

### Yes, he has some bananas!

Dr. B.J. Nocella, a Farmington chiropractor, is going bananas over the birth of his son, Brice Edward.

Brice arrived in the world May 12 at Providence Hospital's Family Birthing Center, and ever since Nocella has been passing out bananas with "It's a boy!" felt-tipped on them.

"I'm in the health business, so I can't go around giving out unhealthy things like cigars," said No-

cells, a Farmington resident. "Besides, bananas are good for you. They have lots of potassium."

Brice is the first child for Nocella and wife Jacqueline.

### Memory Lane

From the May 28, 1988, edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

A round-trip Greyhound bus ticket from Farmington to Lansing cost \$3.45, according to an advertisement. The bus stopped at the Oak Pharmacy at Grand River and Farmington Road.

Farmington High trackman Bob Mansfield closed out his prep career in grand style by winning the state Class B title with a time of 4:29.5, a school record.