

### today's hot line

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#### Reconsider

John Washburn III, Farmington Board of Education president, announced Monday night he would not seek re-election in the June election. Daniels Den hopes John will reconsider that decision and tells why inside.

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#### Music In F'ton

A full week of activity is planned May 2-9 during National Music Week in Farmington. Pictures of groups rehearsing plus a summary calendar of events for Music Week can be found inside.

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#### Lake, Brass & Rap

Relief may be coming for Farmington Township residents with "Kenwood Lakefront" property . . . An Air Force deputy chief of staff major general will be in Farmington on Memorial Day . . . Rap Line has hired a full-time assistant to help in the Farmington area drug abuse prevention program . . . and Section 36 has organized a special cleanup project.

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#### Music Week

Next time you go shopping, you may be in for a surprise. Just remember that May 2 to 9 is National Music Week and a Farmington-based Club has been hard at work in local shopping centers.

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# Township Board Passes Parental Responsibility Law

By EMORY DANIELS

Farmington Township has adopted a parental responsibility ordinance to prosecute parents failing to properly supervise their children.

The ordinance, adopted by the board of trustees Monday night, differs from similar local legislation, such as Madison Heights, because it does not hold a parent responsible simply because his child has committed a crime.

In order to convict a parent under the ordinance's new ordinance, police must prove

that the guardian's neglect to supervise led to the child being taken to juvenile court.

#### TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

Joseph T. Brennan explained the difference between the township's and Madison Heights' ordinance is this: The township version punishes the parent for his own action or inaction, and not because of his child's behavior.

"If the parent, through action or inaction, fails to properly supervise his child and, as a result of that failure, the child comes under the

jurisdiction of juvenile court," Brennan explained, "then the parent becomes guilty of a misdemeanor."

Penalty to the parent convicted under the parental responsibility ordinance is a maximum \$50 fine or 90 days in jail.

Brennan said the ordinance is similar to the state law on contributing to the delinquency of a minor except it adds failure to supervise as a contributing cause.

The ordinance also establishes a township curfew and it provides that the parent who through lack of super-

vision allows his child to violate the curfew is guilty of a misdemeanor.

The curfew in the township ordinance is the same as the state law, 10 p.m. for children under 12 and midnight for those between 12-16.

The local curfew ordinance does not provide for punishment of the curfew violator (that is done through the state law) but provides for punishment of a neglectful parent of a curfew violator.

THE ORDINANCE was based on one enacted by West Bloomfield Township.

Brennan explained. During the past few months West Bloomfield has had its ordinance, he added, there has been only one prosecution and the case was dismissed prior to trial.

The ordinance is a tool for the police department, Brennan continued, to encourage more control over children by parents of repeated juvenile offenders.

"A parent who does his best will never be found guilty under this ordinance," he commented.

An example of neglect,

Brennan said, is parents who allow their children to repeatedly ride minibikes on public streets after being told by police it is against the law.

Supervisor Earl Teeple's commented the police department feels the curfew provision will be a very valuable tool. Trustee Fred Lichtman said he had no objection to the ordinance if it was used in the right way.

The motion was approved 6-0 with trustee Earl Oppenheimer absent. A copy of the West Bloomfield Township ordinance has been studied by trustees since last October.

# JCs Seek Top Man

Farmington Area Jaycees are searching for an outstanding citizen of the Farmington area to receive the club's annual distinguished service award (DSA).

The award is given to the young man between the ages of 21-35 who either lives in or works in the Farmington area and has given the most meritorious service to his family, church, community or nation during the past year. Nominations may be made by individuals, organizations, associations or institutions. Deadline for nominations is May 7.

A DSA nomination can be made by contacting Dave Hammond, JC project chairman, at 5666 Ridgewood Dr., Farmington, or by writing the Farmington Area Jaycees, P.O.B. 33.

The award will be presented May 19 during Michigan Week during a luncheon sponsored by the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce.

Past DSA winners in Farmington include: Ron Holland, North Farmington High football coach; Richard Tupper, City of Farmington planning commissioner; Dr. John Richardson, Farmington City Councilman; Bill Conroy, president of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce; and Thomas Duke, past Farmington Township trustee.

A panel of judges will select the winner on basis of the nominee's achievements or contributions of importance to his chosen field as well as to any one organization, and to his community, state and nation.



WORTHWHILE TRASH — A busy group of workers at Orchard Ridge campus of OCC in Farmington Township spent April 24 converting worthless trash into valuable raw material to be recycled by the National Can Co. of Livonia. The

workers are shown here sorting bottles collected into different barrels by color. The recycling station has been established on the campus and operated for extended hours Saturday for the last day of Earth Week. (Evert photo)

# Washburn Won't Seek Re-Election

By MARTHA MAHAN

President John M. Washburn III will not be a candidate for re-election to the Farmington Board of Education when his term expires this June.

Washburn made his announcement in a prepared statement which he read with his daughter, Christine, sitting beside him, at the close of Monday night's board meeting.

CHRISTINE, a senior at Farmington High, was among 21 students, seven from each of the three high schools, elected to serve as mock board members for Student Government Day.

"I know that within our community there are responsible and capable citizens who are willing to step forward and put their skills and wisdom to the task of carrying on the educational program in the Farmington schools," said Washburn, who completes 5 1/2 years of board service this year.

Washburn complimented fellow board members, four of whom are targets of a recall campaign, and gave implied endorsement to the controversial minority understanding and sex education programs which sparked it, saying at one point:

"I am proud of my fellow board members, of the administration and staffs of

schools, and of the students as exemplified by those here this evening."

AT ANOTHER point, he said: "The program we now have must continue to be expanded, revised and improved if we are to do the proper job of preparing our young people for the decision-making they will face as adults, in their efforts to make the world a better place in which to live."

Leaders of the recall drive said they eliminated Washburn from their campaign because his term was expiring but promised to run a candidate against him and to campaign against him if he sought re-election. Recall petitions are being circulated against trustees Ronald W. Emmitt, Gary L. Lichtman, Richard H. Peters and Aldo Vagnozzi.

IN HIS statement, Washburn also asked voter support of the 4.5 mills (\$4.50 for each \$1,000 of equalized valuation) of added taxes for four years which the schools will seek at the June 14 election.

"The matter of finances is the most immediate and pressing need of our schools, and the millage proposal . . . must have the support of all concerned citizens," the board president declared.

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Matched \$6,000 which the Harrison High Band Boosters Club hopes to raise at a June 11 sports and variety show for the purchase of band uniforms; and

Referred to its policy committee a Vagnozzi resolution that each high school elect one representative to serve in an advisory capacity to the school board.

MRS. KATHRYN Stirling, board secretary, reported that a joint meeting had been arranged for Thursday at 8

p.m. of board members and representatives of the City of Farmington, Farmington Township and West Bloomfield Township. The meeting, to discuss mutual concerns, will be at the Board of Education offices.

The board also voted to allocate \$43,700 for purchase of five new buses to replace five 1962 vehicles which failed to pass state inspection and have been removed from regular service. Temporary repairs have permitted their use in emergencies, Business Manager William Prisk said. Hopes of replacing five 1963 model vehicles were quashed by the need for budget curtailment, Prisk said. Costs also have been increased, he said, by a state requirement to include air brakes in specifications this year. This adds \$681 to the cost of each chassis.

In another economy move, the board voted to withhold a decision on payment of \$1,100 in membership renewal to educational television channel 56 until the budget situation is clarified.

At the request of Marius Van Amedye, assistant superintendent of instruction, Washburn referred to a committee headed by Mrs. Stirling a proposed student conduct code for its study and recommendation. Committee members besides Mrs. Stirling are Emmitt, Lichtman and Vagnozzi.

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