

## Top spender won school vote



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The seat Bobbie Feldman has on the Farmington Board of Education came with a \$4,000 price tag. By contrast, David York's spot on the board was a relative bargain at \$1,000. Feldman outspent all candidates in

the June school election. Feldman's campaign expenditures amounted to \$4,197, according to post-election campaign reports filed with the Oakland County Clerk's Office. Only Susan McKendrick came close to that amount, spending \$3,744 in her unsuccessful bid for the school

board. York, who nudged out McKendrick by 52 votes, spent \$1,379.

Incumbent Helen Ditzhazy spent \$1,623, and challenger Terry Fobbs \$390. Candidates Joel Marwil, Kenneth Stein, Julia Glazer and Charles Remus stated they did not intend to spend more than \$1,000 and subsequently were waived from filing post-election expense reports.

Feldman, who was the top vote-getter in the June 14 election, had the most financial backing.

"I feel the money was very well spent," Feldman said. "I think the amount of donations I got from peo-

ple was real indicative of the community-wide support that I had."

The Committee to Elect Bobbie Feldman benefited from substantial contributions of \$100 or more from several sources. One of the largest was \$737 from the Farmington Coordinating Council, a political action committee representing four MEA unions.

The council annually endorses school board candidates, and provides a financial contribution. Feldman and Ditzhazy received endorse-

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**Life in Farmington Square**

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**Painting project:** Builder Pete Stanaj (above), one of the first residents of the Farmington Square subdivision in Farmington Hills, carries a can of paint. Peaches (below) look ripe at another house.



## Sub's residents find it's hip to be Square

Stories about Farmington-area neighborhoods will appear occasionally in the Observer.

By BILL COUTANT  
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Farmington Square is the kind of subdivision where the lawns are immaculate, the houses spacious (but not garish), and the ambience

is serene.

"It's nice and quiet," said builder Pete Stanaj, one of the first residents of the subdivision platted as "Meadow Glen," but called Farmington Square. "There isn't a problem with speeding, and we don't have crime."

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### St. Gerald's blood drive

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, in the Social Hall of St. Gerald's Catholic Church, 21220 Farmington Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads.  
To register, call Vince Scanlo at 474-4541 (home) or 340-5628 (work).

### Golfers take note

The inaugural "\$10,000 Independence Open" golf tournament to benefit Michigan Special Olympics will be held Monday, Aug. 23, at Independence Green Golf & Country Club, Halsted Road north of Grand River.  
There is a 10:30 a.m. registration with a noon

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shotgun start. Activities include 18 holes of golf, brunch, lunch and a poolside buffet; live entertainment; prizes such as a cruise, golf resort weekend, and a \$10,000 hole-in-one; and longest drive and putt contests.  
Cost is \$100 per player. Call Judith A. Leon at 471-4344 to reserve a spot.

### Help for flood victims

At least two Farmington Hills businesses — Management Supply and the Radisson Hotel — are helping victims of the terrible floods in the Midwest.

Management Supply, which supplies hardware and appliances to apartment complexes, sold chances on a dunk-the-bosses game during the company picnic Aug. 16. Some \$360 was raised for the Operation Noah program.

The Radisson donated some used — but still serviceable — linen to the Salvation Army for use by flood victims.

### Memory Lane

From the Aug. 20, 1953, edition of the Farmington Enterprise:  
Earl Eye was named head football coach at Farmington High School. He replaced Bill Nuss, who resigned. In addition to his coaching duties, Eye was to teach math and science at the high school.

## Library reads defeat

By BILL COUTANT  
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Blame it on location, a bad tax climate or the weather. But the Farmington Community Library Board and staff are resigned to the fact that, at least for now, they'll have to make do with what they have.

A request for a bond issue to build a new library on the east side of Orchard Lake across from Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills

■ **'We'll have to consider options such as restructuring the amount of printed material, the on-line (computer accessible) and microfilm.'**

Bev Papal  
library director

and a request to increase taxes to pay for library operations both lost in a special election Aug. 10.

Library director Bev Papal said the staff focus now "will be on delivering services with the existing budget and facilities."

"We'll have to consider options such as restructuring the amount of printed material, the on-line (computer accessible) and microfilm," she said. "We'll also analyze how we use our staff."

Papal said reorganization will not mean layoffs of library staff.

Although several people blamed the defeat on anti-tax sentiment, several cited location, with the proximity to the I-696 and 12 Mile interchange, as the reason for rejecting the plan.

But finding a location that would please most voters has been difficult, given the limitations, said library board president Bob Plummer.

"In 1989, a search of available property led to the 12 and Halsted location," Plummer said. "Many people said that was too far west, and it was defeated. This location was probably the most central we could have, except for the present location. And it failed. There just aren't that many properties of that size (10-12 acres) to choose from anymore."

Plummer said the board had also considered property in what is now the Woodland Hills Park, but saw environmental concerns as a big drawback.

"It's really too early to say what we'll do," he said.

Plummer said the board won't analyze the voting results and make any decisions on what changes to make before the fall.