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the military staying in the same dorm as us and we thought, 'What if they try to bomb them?'

Many immediately phoned parents to let them know they were OK.

"Not many parents knew until we told them," Finlayson said.

"Some parents called and said, 'I want them to come right now.' There was no way that was going to happen. There were no buses available and the offices were closed."

The threat of terrorism was on their minds, Helisek said, especially with the speculation the recent TWA crash was caused by a bomb. Group members agreed to stick

together as a result.

Even though it was in the back of her mind, Helisek said she was still surprised by the bombing.

She and other said they wouldn't let a terrorist act mar the memory of an otherwise eventful trip.

Members shopped in downtown Atlanta, went to Six Flags amusement park and had lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe during their five-day visit July 24-28.

"It was one of those things in life you can't do anything about," said Finlayson, 17, a recent Farmington High graduate. "... So I didn't let it affect my whole trip."

"In general, it was a once in a lifetime trip."



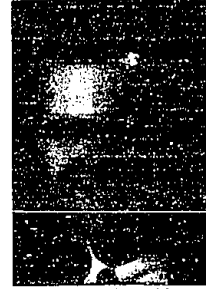
Cathy Webb



Terry Sever



Linda Jolicoeur



Andrew Raczkowski

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millions. She said the extreme costs of drastic medical treatment for people who are near death is a problem, but assisted suicide is an option she opposes.

Dibert said he would favor assisted suicide that allows people to die with dignity.

Raczkowski was the only candidate to endorse school vouchers, which would allow funding for private schools.

"I'm a strong advocate," Raczkowski said. "The voucher system would improve education and give parents control. Let's bring competition to the system."

Christoph called vouchers a "back door to parochialism," and against the state constitution.

Webb agreed that the voucher system would be unconstitutional, adding that even with vouchers, the "vast majority" of students would attend public school.

"It would be very unwise to dismantle the system through vouchers," she said.

Sever said such as system would "dilute" public education, adding that the debate had more to do with "political jargon" than with accomplishing the most important task of a better-educated society.

Dibert said he opposed vouchers and was concerned that Gov. John Engler had been "sideshifting" the issue.

Jolicoeur said she would uphold the constitution, which would not allow vouchers. She said she was proud of her public education at the Clarencenville schools, but cited the use of vouchers in Canada and Europe and said parents are the best decision-makers concerning their

children's education. Jolicoeur was the only candidate who said she would not vote to override a veto of a bill funding public education.

She said Michigan is second only to California, with four times our population, in funding for adult education.

"We need more responsibility, more accountability and more job training," she said.

Raczkowski called adult education a "second chance," Dibert said it was an important means to getting off welfare. Christoph said it would keep people off welfare help reduce crime. Webb said adult education was one of the most important components in a strong work force, and Sever said it created more economic opportunities for individuals and businesses.

Candidates also answered questions about political action committee (PAC) contributions.

Dibert and Sever said they have not received any PAC money.

"I have never pursued PAC money," said Sever, adding that he would accept it as long as contributors did not see it as influencing him.

Christoph said he had received \$50 from Planned Parenthood and \$200 from the Michigan Dietetic Association.

Webb said she has received \$32,600 in small contributions from friends and \$500 from the Michigan Secondary School Administrators PAC, \$600 from Planned Parenthood and a contribution from the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Raczkowski said he had received money from the Ameri-



Carl Christoph



Steve Dibert

can Polish Coalition of Republicans, Citizens Voice, the Michigan Conservative Union and the Oakland County Political Action Committee.

Everyone agreed that roads were a priority.

Dibert said he would make contractors more accountable, stopping mismanagement of projects like the Blue Water Bridge at Port Huron that was bid at \$40 million and cost \$140 million.

Christoph said there was nothing wrong with roads "west of Grand Rapids," adding that the Republican power base in Lansing was made up of representatives from the west side of the state.

Webb said she would institute a 5-point plan that would incorporate new technology, reduce administrative costs and eliminate a diesel discount.

Sever said there was little fat in the state budget to use for roads, adding that he would not support additional road tax unless voters approved and there were guarantees that local roads would receive funding.

Candidates also addressed term limits, crime and other issues.

And the audience enjoyed some one-liners.

After Raczkowski complained about \$11,000 being spent to teach prisoners in Jackson the watusi, Sever asked, "With partners?"

Christoph's description of his campaign style received a lot of laughs when he said "I don't jump out of airplanes," referring to Raczkowski's campaign literature with references to his U.S. Army paratrooper service.

Relay for Life benefit to be held at Harrison High

The Relay for Life, a fundraising event to benefit the American Cancer Society, will kick off at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills on Friday, Aug. 2.

The event is scheduled from 6 p.m. to midnight. The school is at 29995 W. 12 Mile Road.

The Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's national signature event... happening all over the country.

It is a first time event in the Farmington area.

Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnoni and his wife, Lois, are serving as co-chairs for the event.

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The event will take place on Thursday, Aug. 15, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

"For older adults, the Big Band era represents a time of youth, of dancing and having fun," said ElderMed member Doris Sheets. "The music of Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey always brings back fond memories."

"A Tribute to the Big Band Era" will be held in the Clarencville Schools auditorium, at 20155 Middlebelt Rd., between Seven and Eight Mile roads, in Livonia. The cost is \$10 for ElderMed members and \$14 for non members.

Tickets must be purchased in advance; no tickets will be available at the door. To purchase tickets, call the ElderMed office at 471-8020.

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