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Webb has biggest war chest



House candidate Cathy Webb amassed the most money. Fellow Republican Andrew Raczkowski, however, had the largest single contribution from the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association.

BY WILLIAM COUTANT
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The campaign for the state house has brought in a lot of money and a few surprises.

Republicans Linda Jolicœur, Andrew Raczkowski, Terry Sever and Cathleen Webb will run for their party's nomination for the 37th District House seat not held by Jan

Dolan. Carl Christoph and Stephen Dibert are running for the Democratic nomination.

The primary is Tuesday. As of July 21, Webb had the biggest war chest. She had reported campaign contributions of \$37,517.54, in-kind contributions of \$476.19, a \$6,000 loan from the candidate to her campaign and expendi-

tures of \$28,671.11. She received an additional \$4,000 contribution from the Michigan Education Association's PAC Friday, after the filing.

Linda Jolicœur had contributions of \$25,514.01, in-kind contributions of \$881.56, debts of \$12,825.52 and expenditures of \$15,064.55.

Raczkowski had amassed \$17,630 in contributions and spent \$13,468.27. He and his parents loaned the campaign a total of \$2,000. He has the biggest single contribution — \$5,000 from the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association. Sever had the most frugal campaign with contributions of \$1,405,

HOUSE RACE

expenditures of \$4,156.95, with \$3,302.71 in debt, most of it to his printing company.

Dibert's campaign received \$4,440 in contributions and spent \$4,212.53 with debts of \$2,000 to the candidate.

Christoph received \$5,000, spent \$3,379.16 with a \$3,000 debt to the candidate and his wife.

Raczkowski received his biggest financial boost from Justice PAC, See CANDIDATES, A3

PRIMARY

GENERAL

POLLING HOURS: Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 6.

ABSENTEE VOTING: Qualified absentee voters may still apply and vote in person until 4 p.m. today at the city or township clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be turned in before the polls close.

CANDIDATE LISTINGS: Voters will choose from the following list of candidates on the local primary ballot. We endorsed only in selected, contested races. Our choices are indicated by ✓. Incumbents are noted by I. To learn the election results, please call our ELECTION HOTLINE at (810) 477-8460 on Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Advise our receptionist which races you are interested in. Complete results will appear in Thursday's paper.

NATIONAL/STATE

U.S. SENATE

Two-year term: Pay \$133,600

Republicans Jim Nicholson
Ronna Romney

Democrat
Carl Levin I

U.S. HOUSE

Two-year term: Pay \$133,600

11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Republicans Joe Knollenberg I

Democrat
Morris Frumin

STATE HOUSE

Two-year term: Pay \$50,629 + \$8,925 in expenses

27TH DISTRICT (Farmington Twp, Farmington Hills)

Republicans Andrew Raczkowski
Linda Jolicœur
Terry Sever
Cathleen Webb ✓

Democrats
Carl Christoph
Stephen Dibert ✓

FARMINGTON HILLS

CITY COUNCIL

One-year term (through Nov. 1999): Pay \$1,800

Non-Partisan

Jerry Ellis
Masie Kurzejn I ✓

OAKLAND COUNTY

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Four-year term: Pay \$117,750

Republicans Timothy Hughes
L. Brooks Patterson ✓ I

Democrat
Edward Hamilton

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Four-year term: Pay \$101,817

Republicans Dave Gorcyca ✓
Dick Thompson I

Democrat
Steve Kaplan

SHERIFF

Four-year term: Pay \$90,645

Republicans Gerard Carlin
William Goodfellow
Paul Molin
John F. Nichols ✓ I
Michael Odette

Democrats
Scott Good
Matt Hogan ✓

COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS

Four-year term: Pay \$90,645

Republican Lynn D. Allen I

Democrat
M. Kay Brady

TREASURER

Four-year term: Pay \$90,645

Republican C. Hugh Dohany I

Democrat
William Pearson

DRAIN COMMISSIONER

Four-year term: Pay \$90,645

Republicans George Kuhn I
Charles Lowther
R. Ivy Patterson

Democrat
Martha Blom

OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSION

Two-year term: Pay \$23,468

15TH DISTRICT (Northern Farmington Hills)

Republicans David L. Moffitt I

Democrat
None

15TH DISTRICT (Farmington Twp, Farmington Hills, Southfield)

Republicans JoAnne F. Molin
Donn L. Wolf ✓ I

Democrat
Kurt Lopez

JUDICIAL

5TH CIRCUIT COURT

Six-year term: Pay \$100,075

Non-Partisan — Vote for One

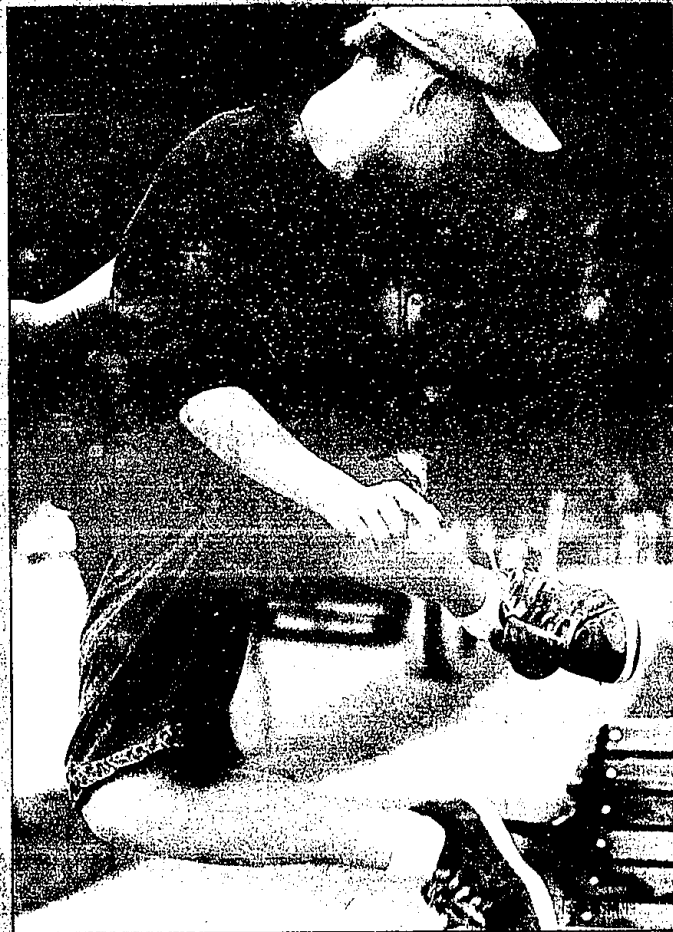
Carol Hackett Garagiola ✓
Susan Molisee

Democrat
Nancy Grant
John N. O'Brien ✓

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Hacky sack, anyone?



A hacky sack summer: A spirited game of hacky sack occupies Brandon Walling (above) of Farmington Hills and his friend Dave Wilewski (right, with sack in mouth) of Farmington last Wednesday near downtown Farmington's main corner Grand River and Farmington Road. The 16-year-olds may have been killing time before school starts.



STAFF PHOTO BY GEORGE LENTHELL

No bidders on high-tech traffic lights

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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Construction of a new computer traffic lighting system designed to speed motorists through congested intersections has stalled in Farmington.

Fast-Trac was supposed to be installed at Grand River and Farmington downtown, but no one bid on the job, said Brian Whiston, assistant to the director of the Fast-Trac system in Oakland County.

Fast-Trac Scate system uses closed circuit cameras to monitor traffic flow, and then adjusts the signal accordingly. The system is already used in Troy, Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills, Pontiac, Novi and South Lyon.

A recent Michigan State study of two intersections in South Lyon found vehicle delay times decreased as much as 10.5 percent.

Similar relief is being sought for Grand River and Farmington where 40,000 vehicles travel through the intersection daily, city officials said. Back-ups are common during rush hour weekdays and Saturday when people shop.

Bids will be opened again Aug. 30. If that fails, the Farmington installation will be made part of a larger bid that will include 29 intersections from Eight Mile to Elizabeth Road along Haggerty Road and four more in Milford, Whiston said.

"There is a back up plan if this bid doesn't work," Whiston said.

One likely reason no one responded to the Farmington bid is it only involves one intersection, Whiston said. Another factor is the time of year: Most construction companies are busy completing jobs.

Fast-Trac will be installed by the end of the year, even if the bid has to be grouped with the Haggerty Road and Milford ones, Whiston said. Fast-Trac systems take 30 days to install.

That's what Farmington city officials want to hear.

"My concern is that we still do it this year," City Manager Frank Laubhoff said.

Road work starts in September on Grand River, west of Farmington Road. Grand River will be widened from Gill to Shiawassee road to add a left-turn lane and traffic signal.

Also, the city has its annual Halloween festival planned at the end of October.

"We're going to have to go forward with it," Laubhoff said. "There's really no good time to do it."

The Fast-Trac system runs \$60,000 an intersection. Federal Highway Administration and Michigan Department of Transportation pays for 60 percent.

Farmington's share is expected to run \$12,000.

Paddle that canoe

Check out the display window at the Kerner Barbers, Grand River and Farmington Road, if you want to know what the Boy Scouts from Troop 110 in Farmington have been up to.

The window tells of a canoe trip taken by some of the troop's older scouts to Algonquin Provincial Park north of Toronto. The returned Sunday. Troop 110 meets at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Welcome, Mr. Hobbs

The Farmington Hills City Council will welcome its new city manager, Daniel G. Hobbs, with an open house 5-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, at the City Hall, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

FARMINGTON FOCUS

Light refreshments will be served.

"We are urging the community to come out and welcome Mr. Hobbs," said Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi.

Hobbs had been city manager of Greenbelt, Md. before accepting the Farmington Hills post, replacing William Costick who resigned last February.

Let the blood flow

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be making two Farmington-area stops this

month.

On Tuesday, Aug. 20, blood may be donated at Burns and Wilcox Limited, 30833 Northwestern Highway, Suite 220, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For an appointment, call 932-9000.

On the following Saturday, Aug. 24, the bloodmobile stops at St. Gerald's Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Road. Blood may be donated there from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 474-4641 to make an appointment.

Items for Farmington Focus may be mailed to the Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington 48335; faxed to 477-9722; or dropped off at the newspaper office. For the computer literate, the Internet E-mail address: packy@oconline.com.