

Dudley endorses Wolf

Hopeful blasts council conduct

Joan Dudley, former Farmington Hills mayor, has announced her support of city council candidate Don Wolf.

"Although I will be leaving Farmington Hills this year, I am still concerned about it. I was a member of the charter committee and am alarmed to see that our council has turned into an autocratic type of government that caused many township residents to fear cityhood in the first place," she said at a recent campaign coffee.

Don Wolf has my endorsement because I feel he will bring city government back to the people. Under his leadership, citizen input and opinions will not be ignored and residents can again have pride and confidence in the council," she said.

In his remarks to the group, Wolf attacked the attitude of the present council.

"It's time to change our 'we-know-better-than-you' council and replace it with a council that believes in the people it serves," said Wolf.

A governmental affairs coordinator for Detroit Edison, Wolf endorsed the concept of ballot questions on what he termed "important issues."

When asked to define "important issues," he pointed to the controversy over city council's present endorsement of low income family housing, which is to be built at Drake and Freedom roads. Plans are presently in motion to build a 120-unit, privately owned senior citizen and low income housing unit on that site. Funding would come through bonds sold by the Michigan State Housing Development

Authority (MSHDA). Rents would be subsidized through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Several heated council sessions have been conducted in the last year concerning the low income housing issue.

"I believe the present council has shown it has little respect for the people in not letting residents have a voice on these matters," said Wolf.

"They are issues that have torn our city apart and as long as the people are ignored it will be difficult to bring the community back together."

All incumbents up for re-election have endorsed the concept of financing senior citizen and low income housing in its present form. Those members include Keith Deacon, Jan Dolan, Cathy Jones and Joanne Smith.

Ralph who?

Corvair buffs come to Motown

By BOB GROSS

They were everywhere, filling the parking lots of the Michigan Inn and the Northland Theater, spilling over into the Northland parking lot. Corvairs, of one basic shape, but of almost every color imaginable from basic black to red, white and blue.

There were Corvair hardtops and Corvair convertibles and Corvair station wagons and Corvair vans and Corvair pickup trucks and Corvairs bearing bumper stickers proclaiming, "Ralph who?"

They referred to consumer activist Ralph Nader who has been credited with getting the Corvair off the market. Safety problems with the car prompted Nader to write "Unsafe at Any Speed" in which he lambasted the auto industry in general and the Corvair in particular.

The Corvair Society of America made a pilgrimage to its Mecca last week, coming home to the area where its "babies" were spawned. The four-day affair, headquartered at the Michigan Inn in Southfield, drew 2,000 Cor-

vair lovers and 500 Corvairs.

One man brought his entire fleet of 85, count 'em, 85 Corvairs.

It's hard to believe that so many people could fall in love with a car that looks as if it can't make up its mind if it's coming or going, a car with its engine in the rear and, most incongruous of all, a car with the fill pipe for the gas tank located in the left front fender. Still, one must admit that the Corvair does have an appeal.

"They're fun to drive, they're pretty, they have idiosyncracies, and when they have idiosyncracies, it's like they have personalities," said Jo Alasee of the Detroit Corvair Club.

"They're fun to drive," said Marilyn Westervelt of Rochester. "In the win-

ter, there's nothing like them — they go right through the snowbanks. Also, they get 24 to 25 miles per gallon."

Mrs. Westervelt mentioned another quality of the Corvair: "They do multiple, when you start with one, you just keep going."

The Westervelts own seven Corvairs.

Mrs. Alasee defended the car against charges that it rides rough, comparing it to a Corvette and a Porsche. In fact, she said, "Some people call it the poor man's Porsche. It is a sports car and that's the kind of ride a sports car has."

Not all Corvairs are "poor men's Porsches." Several of the cars displayed during the convention were modified jobs with an estimated worth of \$12,000.

FEA contract talks focus on economics

Negotiators for the Farmington Education Association (FEA) and school administration are still bargaining and hope to settle a new contract before next week.

"We are still hopeful we can reach a contract. I don't think we'll hit a stalemate," said FEA president Tom Chrzanowski late Tuesday.

Tuesday, the two groups discussed nine non-economic issues.

"We're trying to clear the table so that we can get to the main concern — the economic issues," he said.

Chrzanowski said the FEA did receive an economic counter proposal to its 6 percent request.

Although he said it was conservative, he would not say what the offer was.

"We are evaluating it, and we will make a counter-proposal," he said.

Safety hints offered

Metropolitan Savings Association of Farmington Hills has just introduced a pamphlet for children called "Beware of Strangers."

The pamphlet, focusing on child safety, explains seven tips children should follow when they are away from home. It also covers what they should do if a stranger is bothering them.

With incidents of child abuse, assaults and disappearances, "the time has come for a written reminder to children about playing it safe," according to a spokesman for Metropolitan Savings.

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