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Grass roots novice stumps for Anderson

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

Maryse Long likes to call herself a grass root political novice surrounded by political novices.

She's the campaign coordinator in the Farmington area for the John Anderson presidential campaign, a post that demands time as well as a modicum of political savvy.

Except for her involvement in the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, Ms. Long hasn't been active in local politics, a decision which separates her from some of the other coordinators for rival candidates.

"I had to put my money where my mouth was," is how she explains her involvement in the third presidential hopeful's campaign.

After urging friends and neighbors to chose Anderson over Ronald Reagan for the Republican nomination, Ms. Long stuck with the candidate instead of the party after he struck out on his own this spring.

In April at the convention of the National Organization for Women (NOW), a friend gave Ms. Long an Anderson bumper sticker after observing her support for the candidate.

She brought it home only to discover the bumper sticker on her daughter's car.

"I HAD TO GET another bumper sticker," she explains, laughing.

After discovering the Anderson campaign headquarters in Dearborn, at that time the nearest office, she called to inquire about a bumper sticker and came away a volunteer.

"I discovered they needed help with petitions in Farmington Hills. I was just going to be a fringe person in the

campaign," she said.

"Somehow or other I wound up a coordinator."

Gathering names for the petition to allow a primary vote on whether Anderson's name should appear on the November ballot was relatively easy because she approached neighbors in shopping centers near her home.

"They were middle class people like me. And that's where most of Mr. Anderson's support is," she said.

She cites his support of women's issues and that it is as reasons she decided early in the campaign to back Anderson.

"I like his intellectual integrity, although that is a trite phrase, I suppose. I perceive him as a man of intellectual honesty. He speaks well. His statements are well thought out before he says anything."

While Anderson has the support of the middle class "wine and cheese set," she says, quoting Garry Trudeau's "Doomsday" tongue in cheek, Reagan has a "minute minority of the Republican party."

"HE IS ZERO on the women's issues. I call myself a Christian feminist. I wouldn't even want to think that a small handful of evangelicals could control my personal life," she said.

Her disappointment with President Jimmy Carter's presidency shows: "Carter backed down on women's issues, ERA, Medicare. He could have pushed ERA if he wanted to."

As a third party candidate, Anderson has received his share of publicity, much of it focusing on his difficulties in financing the campaign.

Recently, campaign was awarded a

share in federal campaign funds if Anderson gathers more than five percent of the vote in November.

"When I heard it on the noon news, it just made my lunch," Ms. Long said.

"I think he'll make an excellent showing."

In her exuberance for the candidate she adds, "very likely we might wind up in the White House. I already have my reservations in for the inaugural."

On a more somber note, she confesses, "I have no idea. I'm not involved at a level where I'm aware of nation-wide support. In Farmington Hills, he'll do very well."

"I say we won't know until a couple of days before (the election) what people are thinking."

BEFORE NOVEMBER brings the definitive answer to pollsters' questions, Anderson's campaign has to surmount difficulty in getting their candidate included in a three-way debate with Carter and Reagan. It's a move Carter openly opposes.

"It's going to keep people from saying, 'Anderson who?'" she said of Carter's opposition.

If, in spite of the campaign effort, Anderson loses, Ms. Long is preparing herself for the event.

"If we don't win it'll be a tremendous let down. But it will be a relief when it's over."

It could be her first campaign and her first defeat.

"There's no question about it. We're all amateurs. I didn't dabble in local politics or anything."

"I've just been a good conscientious voter."



Bunny Young, a freshman marching band member, strains under the weight of an instrument called the bells during practice for Farmington High's first football game. (Staff photo by Dwight Cendrowski)

Paramedic defends EMS

By MARY GNIEWEK

Jim Short has fumed silently for the past two months.

Ever since fulltime Farmington Hills firefighters proposed city-run emergency medical service (EMS).

Short manages AmCare Inc., the Redford Township-based company that provides Farmington Hills with private-run EMS. Statements made by fulltime firefighters about AmCare haven't sat well with Short.

Particularly Acting Fire Chief Tom Johnson's statement that city firefighters could provide the best and most cost efficient EMS service possible.

"If the city wants to take over the service, fine. But I'm going to get hot if lies are told," said Short, himself a volunteer firefighter in Farmington Hills and a lifetime resident.

Short is a paramedic with eight years experience. He took over AmCare in March 1980.

"Lots of people who signed the firefighters petition to get a city-run EMS proposal on the Nov. 4 ballot) were led to believe there is no advanced life support service operating in the city," Short said.

To the contrary, he points out that his operation runs two advanced life support ambulances — one stationed in north Redford Township and one on Orchard Lake and 12 Mile in Farmington Hills.

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT provides a patient with the most sophisticated lifesaving techniques available before transporting to a hospital emergency room. Fulltime firefighters already provide basic emergency care.

"All the facts ought to be laid down," Short says. "Then the people can decide what they want."

Short plans to present city officials with his own set of facts at a proposed study session to be scheduled later this fall.

Among the things he's going to tell them are:

- Four percent of AmCare's advanced life support business comes from Farmington Hills, hardly enough to support a fulltime service. The rest is generated from Redford Township. AmCare also acts as a backup unit for Livonia and Dearborn Heights fire departments.

"Most of our income comes from difficult transfers," he says. "Not from emergency runs."

Difficult transfers are patients who want to be moved to a different hospital and are hooked up to machinery.

• City-run EMS would prohibit patients from being sent to the hospital of their choice since all patients would be sent to Botsford General within the city.

The cost of training firefighters to be paramedics, outfitting ambulances with advanced life support equipment, and adding more personnel would run at least \$500,000 — not the firefighters estimate which is considerably less.

• Allegations made by firefighters that private-run EMS service takes longer to respond to an emergency since the company services more than one city are exaggerated.

"That's extraordinarily unusual," says Short. "Since I took over in March, there have been two waits that have taken 15 to 20 minutes — both due to vehicle breakdowns."

"Neither resulted in the death of a patient."

Usual response time is under eight minutes, Short said.

Short insists he's not plugging AmCare because there's a threat of his losing Farmington Hills as a customer. He feels secure that he could obtain a job in a city-run EMS program because of his experience and involvement in the current operation.

"I hate the aspersion that I'm doing the job poorly rather than going into this up front."

The fulltime firefighters held suit last week in circuit court to get a city-run EMS proposal on the November ballot or before voters in a special election.

Classes are Wednesday evening

'80 class schedule includes sex education for parents

By MARY GNIEWEK

Now that Farmington public school students are getting newly revised sex education classes, an administrator thinks it's time parents caught up with their kids.

Clarence Shewbridge, Farmington High School administrator and recent recipient of a master's degree in

properly assumed the role of primary sex educators."

From his own research in the field — he was chairman of the committee which developed the sex education program for Farmington schools in 1971 — Shewbridge has found that parents don't talk with their offspring frequently or comfortably about sex.

"SOME PEOPLE SAY if you tell kids about sex, they'll do it," Shewbridge says. "They're doing it whether we like it or not, whether they like it or not."

"Knowledge isn't harmful; ignorance is harmful."

touches on sex in biology, anatomy and physiology.

In the middle schools, each child has a course in sexuality in either seventh or eighth grade. In the elementary schools, sex education is integrated into the curriculum.

"So many sex education courses deal with plumbing, I call it 'The relentless search for the Fallopian tube.'"

"One of the nice features of our program, we include values which I think are essential. Without values, sexuality is in bad shape."

'Many parents haven't dealt rationally with the sexuality of their adolescents because the majority haven't properly assumed the role of primary sex educators.'

— Clarence Shewbridge



CLARENCE SHEWBRIDGE

human sexuality, will teach an adult education class this fall titled "Aspects of Human Sexuality."

"There's a need for it in the community," Shewbridge says.

For \$10, he hopes parents will spend eight consecutive Wednesday evenings Sept. 24 to Nov. 12 talking about sexuality — their own and their children's.

"One of the goals is to help parents become more comfortable with their own sexuality, and therefore, be more objective with their children," Shewbridge said.

"Many parents haven't dealt rationally with the sexuality of their adolescents because the majority haven't

He cites statistics: one million pregnancies a year resulting in 600,000 live births and 12 million sexually active teenagers.

"Parents are the primary sex educators and those who teach about human sexuality must help them to do it well."

Shewbridge calls Farmington's sex education program one of the most comprehensive in Michigan. Ninth graders are required to take a semester of health, which includes six weeks devoted to sexuality. Professionals are brought into the classroom to discuss various topics.

High school students can choose from a variety of electives such as Child Development, Family Sociology

and Social Relations. Science also

THE FARMINGTON curriculum revision allows for teaching about birth control but not about abortion.

"It's the parents' job to impress upon their children the content of the family value structure, including responsibility, maturity and caring."

Shewbridge wants to work with parents to remove the shroud of sin and guilt surrounding sex, to reduce myths and present documented knowledge about sexual behavior.

The class will be taught at Farmington High School from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register, call 474-5233.

Bond continues for jailed retiree held on 20 charges

A 51-year-old retired schoolteacher from West Bloomfield remains in the Oakland County jail after being arraigned on charges of robbing and sexually molesting three women May 18 in two separate incidents in Farmington Hills and Birmingham.

Keith E. Hallberg was arraigned Tuesday before Judge Steven Andrews and stood mute to a variety of charges in the Birmingham incident — six counts of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, three counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct, one count of assault, one of armed robbery and one of kidnapping charge. Not guilty pleas were entered for him by the court. Judge Andrews continued a \$500,000 bond.

Hallberg had been arraigned previously on charges stemming from the Farmington incident. These included four counts of possession of a firearm during commission of a felony, two counts of armed robbery and two counts of criminal sexual conduct.

The latest arraignment followed court-ordered psychiatric testing at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti to determine that Hallberg was mentally competent to stand trial.

Hallberg is still under a \$200,000 bond continued from his first arraignment Aug. 26.

Hallberg was then charged with forcing two women in their early twenties

into his van in the parking lot of Kmart on Orchard Lake south of 14 Mile and robbing and sexually molesting both of them.

This took place about noon May 18, in police said.

Police said about 10 p.m. the same day Hallberg entered a parked car in Birmingham and forced three teen occupants to drive him around before ab-

ducting one of them, a 16-year-old Bloomfield Township girl.

Hallberg was charged with sexually molesting and robbing the teen before releasing her at Telegraph and Long Lake roads in Bloomfield Township.

BIRMINGHAM POLICE arrested Hallberg about 5 a.m. May 17.

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JERRY'S KIDS

If you want to know how well annual Jerry Lewis telethon to raise money for muscular dystrophy research did, turn to Page 3A for our coverage in stories and pictures. You'll also find out why poster child Christopher Rush's favorite song is "Tomorrow" from the musical "Annie."

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Hills man bound for arson trial

A Farmington Hills man charged with hiring an undercover police officer to burn down two homes including his own waived his right to a district court exam Friday and was bound over to circuit court for trial.

Thomas B. Hatter, 54, is charged

with two counts of soliciting to burn, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

He will be brought before Oakland County Circuit Judge Richard Kuhn on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 23 to set a trial date.

District Judge Michael Hand continued Hatter's \$2,500 bond.

Hatter was arrested Aug. 4 by the Michigan State Police arson strike force at a home, 25785 Farmington, after a meeting with the undercover officer.