# Starrett makes first bid for school board seat

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'The author of "Mits Fifi Dewuerali" and "A Doggie's Tale" is plotting a happy ending to yet another saga — his campoint for a state of a first property of the control of the control of the control of Education. Edmund V. Starrett, Inogtime elementary-school teacher and creator of books and games for children, is one of live candidates who'll be on the ballot in the June I achool electron the ballot in the June I achool electron. He'll serve a four-year teaching back to education," and the Sayvar-old Starrett, a 27-year teaching the son of the top two vote-getters in the soon of the top two vote-getters in the soon of the top two vote-getters in the soon of the top two vote-getters in the part of the form of the control of the contr

"TDON'T think there's anything major wrong with the oducational system (in Farmington), but there are a lot of little thing." Starrett said.

"I don't have any ares to grind, but I'd be concerned about the academic standards in high school. Several people have mentioned this to me.

"I think honesty is the best way to improve everything. I think educators have a tendency to make everything sound like I'ds great.

"And I think some of the other candidates... would pretty much go along with the status que and maybe not admit that some things need a little looking into."

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A SPECIFIC concern? Placing the wrong kind of students in vocational education programs.

"I would make sure that kids are not channelled into vocational education programs when what they really need are things like English and spelling and arithmetic.

"I think kids who are low achievers get channelled into vocational education programs and get lost in the shuffle. I think we have a representative to teach them to read and write." Starrett, who began his carrer by teaching the children of migrant workers in New York state, admits he's not been the most active of the five campaigners.

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"I REALLY haven't run a very, strong campaign. I will make my presentation. If people like it, they'll vote for me. If they don't, they won't."

Teacher Starrett said be's not disappointed that he didn't receive the endorsement of the Farmington teachers union. Union support went to incumbent Helen Prutow and challenger Rozanne Fitpartick.

"I want the support of the teachers, not their union. I know that statement'll cost me a few votes, but I'm not asying things to please people. I'm just

### school board race

trying to be honest.
"If I win, it'il be because some of the cher candidates like me enough to ask thier friends to vote for me."

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RAISED IN Detroit, Starrett graduated from the University of Illinios with a major in philosophy, He's also carned a master's degree in education administration and supervision from the University of Detroit and a doctorate in education with emphasis in linguistics.

Starrett has written several children's books, including "Miss Fift Devuerall" ("It's recommended reading for illitraries in Wayne County; I don't know about Oakland's and "A Doggle's Tale." He also created a children's phonics game called "Ich-Ack-Ock."

Starrett is "very much committed to elementary education." He's taught just about as classes for gifted and retarded children.

IF ELECTED, Starrett vowed to be nobody's "yes man."
"In education, I think a little truth-fulness goes a long way. Sometimes I don't think that education in Farming-



ton is all it's cracked up to be. I have

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Despite the fact that the medical boards are comprised of physicians, Fishman said ho believes they will be favor of HB 5098 as well as many of the other proposed changes.

Problems that have been encountered with some physicians are "deliberately dispensing and selling drugs" and "manipulating the system" so Medicald (tarapayers money) pays for diagnostic tesis that were never made. Brotherton said.

"In the law, it's anything that's a violation of the law which involves the use of a doctor's practice." Brotherton said.

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and a octoor's practice, as well as being "found by his peers to be practicing faulty medicine," hexaid, are the cause for the revocation or suspension of physicians' licenses.

Because of budget cuts, the licensing and regulation department now has fewer investigators working on complaints about physicians, Brotherton said. Adding to the fewer investigators is the practice of allowing the investigators is the practice of allowing the investigators are choose which cases they wish to investigate.

THE TENDENCY, Brotherton said, is for an investigator to choose the

most interesting and attractive case rather than the one needing the most immediate attention.

The panel will try changing the investigation process by allowing the complaints to first come before the medical boards. That way, he said, the members can decide which cases need the most immediate attention.

Once determined, the cases would then be assigned to investigators. Another change the panel is consid-ering, Brotherton said, is providing the members of medical boards with im-munity from law suits by physicians who have had their licenses revoked or suspended.

Because a physician can sue the medical boards or a particular mem-ber, the boards are often hesitant in their actions against a physician, Brotherton said.

The panel will also consider trying to amend the law which allows a physician to practice under more than one license. Because a physician, such as a psychiatrist, might also have a license as a medical doctor and/or a marriage connector. When the absolgant license

can still continue practicing under another license.

"We're trying to amend the law so they cannot practice under any license," Brotherton said. "There are all these little loopboles and flaws that doctors can get through.

"We're trying to find out what it is going to take to tighten it up," he added.

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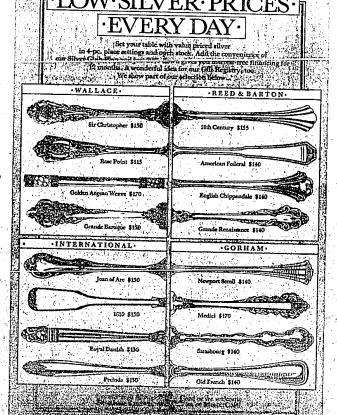
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