

# 6 board seats at stake in 3 districts June 12

Two school board seats each in the Farmington, Clarenceville and Walled Lake school districts will be up for grabs Monday, June 12.

In Farmington Public Schools, expiring four-year terms are held by board president John Cotton and immediate past president Helen Ditzhay, both of whom plan to run again. The new terms will run from July 1, 1989, to June 30, 1993.

Both Cotton and Ditzhay are completing their first four-year terms.

School board candidates must be at least 18 and be registered to vote. Property ownership is not a requirement.

Nominating petitions, signed by at least 20 registered voters, must be filed by 4 p.m. Monday, April 10.

These turn-in completed petitions can withdraw from the non-partisan race before 4 p.m. Thursday, April 13. Otherwise, their names will appear on the ballot.

PETITIONS ARE available from Betal Duschinske, business support services supervisor, at the Lewis Schulman Administrative Center, 32500 Salawasse, Farmington, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

She's also available to assist candidates with information about filing and campaign finance laws.

Other Farmington Board of Education members continuing in staggered four-year terms are Helen Protow, in her fourth term; Janice Holnick and R. Jack Loch, in their

third term; and Susan Rennels and James Abernethy, in their second terms.

The board of education meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. It considers recommendations from the salaried administration and sets all district policies.

Farmington Public Schools encompasses all of Farmington, most of Farmington Hills and a portion of West Bloomfield Township a half

mile north of 14 Mile between Inster and Middlebelt.

IN CLARENCEVILLE Public Schools, which serve southeast Farmington Hills, a 1980 Clarenceville High graduate has filed to challenge incumbent Gary Gasser for a two-year term.

Both Gasser and recent Clarenceville High graduate Dale Weighill have taken out petitions for the two-year term.

Gasser was appointed last spring to fill a vacancy on the Clarenceville Board of Education.

Board secretary Linda Ahnert, who has served nearly five years on the board, is seeking re-election to a four-year term. So far, no challenger has filed to oppose her in the election.

Clarenceville voters are being asked in a special election April 24 to approve a five-year waiver and a 3.5-mill increase. Officials have cited financial need, as state aid to the district has grown at a rate less than inflation.

IN WALLED LAKE Consolidated Schools, veteran trustee Patricia Jackman's term is expiring. She has taken out petitions but has not yet

filed for re-election. G. William Knight was appointed earlier this year to replace board president Sally Vaughan, who moved from the district. There is one year left on Vaughan's term. Knight has taken out petitions but has not returned them.

The Walled Lake district covers nine communities, including the northwest corner Farmington Hills. Last Monday, district voters approved a \$47.8 million bond issue with a "yes" vote concentrated in the precincts that represent West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills students.

To vote in the annual June school district elections, residents must register by Monday, May 15.

# Nun begins jail sentence for anti-nuclear protest

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

A 73-year-old nun, former communications director for the Sisters of Mercy in Farmington Hills, began a 10-day jail sentence Thursday night for blocking traffic last August at an anti-nuclear demonstration.

Sister Elizabeth La Forest, a Detroit resident, was one of 12 defendants convicted by district court jurors March 16 on charges of molesting/disturbing workers when they blocked a driveway leading to Williams International, a missile engine manufacturer in Walled Lake.

Williams makes engines for cruise missiles containing nuclear warheads. It has been the site of protests for more than five years.

"It was completely non-violent," said La Forest last week. "We held hands and went across in small groups."

The sentence carried a \$105 fine and 10 days in the Oakland County Jail, or 50 hours of community service.

La Forest, a part-time teacher of English as a Second Language (ESL) in the Adult Education program of Hamtramck Public Schools, opted for jail. She taught for 20 years as a professor at Mercy College in Detroit and served with the "Peace Corps in Togo, West Africa, from 1974-77.

In 1987, she left her eight-year position of director of communications for Farmington Hills' Sisters of Mercy, a religious order.

"THREE YEARS ago, La Forest said she was arrested for trespassing at Wurtsmith Air Force base in Oshtemo, in protest of the B-52 bomber.

"My whole life has been community service," said La Forest. "I prefer to conserve my energy for teaching. I think I surprised the judge when I opted for jail."

Another factor influencing her decision, La Forest said, was that she was concerned the 50 hours of assigned community service would interfere with her ESL class, which consists of Arab students from the Yemen area.

But Dr. John Paul Jones, Oakland

County's chief court probation officer, said community service sentencing is flexible. "There are many things she could have done for the need," he said, adding that a stay in jail is non-productive.

"Once you live in a third-world country, you view these things completely differently," said La Forest. "Our country is decaying from within from drugs and crime. Our infrastructure is falling and we have the problems of the homeless."

She questioned the priority of the United States' spending policy with regard to military defense.

THE GROUP protesting at Williams last August announced ahead of time that they would cross a clearly marked line and sent out flyers, said La Forest. The Walled Lake police were waiting, she said.

District Judge Michael Batchik of Walled Lake would not allow defense attorneys to introduce the international defense law, under which it is illegal for private companies to build nuclear weapons, said Mogli, one of four attorneys who voluntarily represented the protesters.

The judge also refused to let former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who served during the John



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## on the agenda

Below are highlights from agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are open to the public.

**Farmington Hills City Council**  
City Council Chambers  
31555 11 Mile  
7:30 p.m., Monday, March 27

The meeting will begin with the appointment of a new council member to replace former councilman Joe Alkateeb who resigned Feb. 20.

A public hearing is scheduled on the final designation of natural beauty roads: Halsted, between 12 and 13 Mile; Halsted, between 13 and 14 Mile; and 13 Mile, between Drake and Halsted.

The council will consider lifting a moratorium on lot splits and will receive a report on traffic control on Drake, south of 12 Mile. The council will consider introduction of a special events ordinance and consider solicitation of the general public for contributions for park facilities. A grant application for park land acquisition also will be considered. The council will be asked to approve a citywide citizens attitude survey.

The council is expected to receive the annual fire department report and an activities report from the planning commission.

Several rezoning will be considered. They include:

- Rezoning from RA-3, single-family to OS-1, office service, at 21124 Middlebelt, east side of Middlebelt, between Dresden and Scollen.
- Rezoning from RA-2, one-family, to IRO, industrial research, at 23300 Haggerty, east side of Haggerty, between Nine and 10 Mile.
- Rezoning from RA-2, one-family, to RA-1, one-family, on lots 1-14 on supervisor's plat of Hilltop Manor lots.

The council will consider a request for the city council to give recognition to Farmington Hills neighborhoods. Also to be considered is a request concerning a revised Sinclair Woods preliminary plat relating to an approved consent judgment.

The consent agenda includes:

- Establishment of a special assessment district for sanitary sewer installation for Nine Mile and Hamilton area.
- Establishment of a sanitary sewer payback district, Rockshire Avenue and Bramwell, supervisor's plat of Forest Hills subdivision, Section 14.
- Establishment of payback for Drake watermain and sanitary sewer.
- Adjustment in compensation to property assessment board of review.
- Executive session to discuss pending litigation and property acquisition.

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## New examination date is set

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County Magistrate Daniel Desmet handed the arraignment and said later that Bonelli had confessed to his "involvement in her death."

Franchia was a junior at Mercy High School, an all-girls Catholic school in Farmington Hills.

Bonelli is a former North Farmington High junior. Since Jan. 23, he has attended the Farmington Training Center, a district-run special education center for students with emotional, physical or mental problems. Students aren't placed there for a specific time period, said Jan Richards, special education director.

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### TAKING DRUGS TO COUNTER DRUGS

Commonly this suggestion arises for individuals with arthritis: if you use aspirin, you should counter its effect on the stomach by taking an antacid or an anti-ulcer drug.

There are several reasons to decline the advice. First, adding a second drug increases the cost of care. Second, the additional drug creates its own side effects. For example, the antacid, used to prevent ulcer, can bring on intractable diarrhea.

Third, another drug complicates the patient's medication schedule. The elderly are particularly prone to such confusion: is it three tablets of the grey aspirin, and four of the white antacid pill, or is it the other way around?

Fourth, the second drug brings on a risk of drug interactions. Antacid may interfere with the proper absorption of aspirin, and so prevent the occurrence of aspirin side effects. Unfortunately, the same drug-drug interaction destroys aspirin's therapeutic effect.

Usually, there is an alternative to using a medicine that requires an off-setting drug. Particularly in elderly patients, it may be better to choose a drug that may be less effective, but is of greater safety.

# COLLECTION SHOW

**Hickey-Freeman Clothing Collection**  
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