## **Bond fight moves to Troy**

In correspondence last week, Headlee asked the Troy school superintendent to release that district's legal opinion and compared the positions of the two districts, saying "obviously your school board received a conflicting opinion to the one received by the Farmington Hills (sic) school board.

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tees opted to ask voters only for new elementary school money, and not for additional funds for building re-novations. After defeating a larger novations. After defeating a larger novations. After defeating a larger and the school issue last fall, voters approved a \$7.3 million issue in January.

The deputy superintendent of machine to fit onto one page. In a letter sent to school.

THROUGHOUT THE bond campalgns, Farmington school officials stressed they would not use operating money to build the new school based on the legal opinion which backed this position.

The deputy superintendent of Farmington schools has dealed that a legal opinion addressed to him was in any way altered, responding to a challenge from those who had requested and received copies of the report.

"We didn't change anything," said Michael Flamagan. "It's absurd, we don't lie. We've always had an opinion as we said we had."

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In personally viewing the original
of the document Tuesday, a reporter
from the Observer could see no sign
of any alterations. The two-page letter was printed on manifia-colored
paper. The copies handed out to the

public had been reduced on a copy machine to fit onto one page. In a letter sent to school board president Jack Cotton, representatives from Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of Farmington Hills said they believed the date on the Farmington legal opinion was altered. Spokesman Bill McMaster said they are awaiting a response from the district.

Flanagan said since the letter was addressed to board president Cotton, the "earliest opportunity to respond would be Tuesday" at the regular board meeting.

struction.

"Because the school code does not specifically authorize the use of operating funds for new building construction, while it does specifically

authorize school construction with other types of financing, it is our opinion that it would be improper to designate operating funds for that

## Bids awarded for construction

Bids for the second phase of the downtown Farmington redevelop-ment project have been awarded for work along the Farmington Road

corridor.

Similar to the first phase, the project involves replacement of sidewalks, installation of new pedestrian lighting and new trees. It is being coordinated through the Farmington Downtown Development Authority.

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Peter A. Basile and Sons of Livo-nia was the lowest of five bidders for general contracting work at \$122,184. Prices ranged up to

\$187,150. Another bid of \$101,635, from Imperial Blacktop of Dearborn was not accepted by the DDA board, because it was submitted late.

Basile has done similar streetscape work in Lincoln Park, Northville, Garden City, Ann Arbor and Dearborn Heights among others.

"My experiences with them have been very good," said city planner Caristopher Wzacny. "I have no qualms about recommending them."

The 2001 Nursery and Garden Center of Flat Rock won the landscaping contract with the low bid of \$4,631.25. There were four bidders, with prices ranging up to \$7,000. The company also did

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## Attorney apologizes in tree controversy

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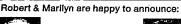
Larson, however, said he stands by his letter of explanation and that the

health.

Though Larson cut the trees about one week before the new tree ordinance became effective Feb. 13, the city attorney said he believes he followed the spirit of the regulations,

trees cut were not in the best of health.

A COUPLE OF residents tried to get the trees about one week before the new tree ordinance became effective Feb. 13, the





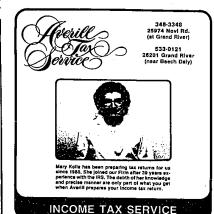
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### Marks breaks impass between 2 candidates

A 16-year-resident, Sowerby was among 11 candidates seeking to fill the vacancy left by Alkateeb's Feb. 20 resignation.

"It was really a toss-up between a couple individuals," Mayor Terry Sever said. Candidates were publicly interviewed Monday, March 20. Countellman Arnold personally interviewed all the candidates except George Sarkishian.

"It's much more difficult up here than out there," Arnold said, referring to the difficulty in selecting an appointee.

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Armold said he was tooking for an appointee who is an independent thinker, who seeks out and analyze facts to reach a reasonable conclusion, is a team player, and who can participate in establishing policy as a group while allowing city administrators to carry out to policy. Sowerby will be sworn in some time before the next scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10. The council will meet at 6 p.m. before that meeting to review the 1989-90 budget.

SOWERBY WILL serve in Alkateeb's seat only until the November city council election. A 1985 amendment to the city charter requires the new appointee to run for clection to fill the remaining two years of Alkateeb's four-year term. Alkateeb was re-elected in November 1987.

'I'm big enough to understand he'll be a good council member. I don't hold any grudges.'

In the November election, voters will east ballots in two city council races. One race will be to fill Alkateb's two remaining years. The 'second will be for the regular council terms expliring this year. Seats held by Vagnozzi, Marks, Soronen and Armold, who was appointed in December to fill Dolon's term, all tayler this year.

Candidates interested in seeking election in November may run in only one of the two races.

In addition to Sowerby, Lichtman and Grant, candidates included the control of Barmington Hills. The control of Farmington Hills oscitations of Farmington Hills oscitations of Farmington Hills proposed to the control of the con

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