

Farmington board doesn't take stand on proposals

By Casey Hane
and Brian Lysaght
staff writers

Although some Farmington school trustees commented publicly on two statewide ballot proposals, the school board took no official stance on the issues, to be decided in Tuesday's election.

Proposals A and B each ask for increased sales tax — one-half cent and two cents respectively — with the promise of increased financing for public schools statewide. Proposal B also offers some property tax relief. Recent polls show Proposal A has the better chance of winning.

"I've realized they (the proposals)

will not make equity for school districts," trustee Helen Ditzhay said at a recent board meeting.

It would take much more money to accomplish equity, she said. "But we absolutely have to do something about funding in the state of Michigan," she said. "If one (of the two proposals) doesn't pass, we will be subject to court decisions."

TRUSTEE Susan Rennels said she hoped one would pass.

"Proposal A would be a start," she said.

Other trustees chose not to comment publicly.

Farmington is joined by other districts including Walled Lake, Troy and West Bloomfield — none of

which have taken a stand. Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham and Southfield have gone on the record supporting Proposal A.

Proposal A would raise an additional \$400 million for schools by raising the state sales tax one-half cent.

Proposal B calls for a 2-cent sales tax increase and a shift of some local property tax collection duties from local hands to the state; it would also provide several million dollars in property tax cuts.

If neither proposal gets more than 50 percent of the vote Tuesday, both will fail. If both get more than 50 percent, the proposal with the highest tally will be enacted.

Chain effect seen if A, B both go down

Continued from Page 1

Proposal A calls for a half cent sales tax increase to benefit school financing. Flanagan said Proposal A would change the financial picture for some districts, but would leave Farmington out-of-formula and give the district no additional money.

Proposal B is more complicated. It asks for a two-cent sales tax increase and offers some property tax relief. "We have one set of figures . . . show us losing money and another set showing us making money," he said. "The concept of B is just confusing."

Flanagan said he will support Proposal A, personally, because putting more money into education statewide is an investment in everyone's future. "It's fundamental to our whole way of life — it's not just a school issue," he said. Although it won't offer districts equal funding, he said, "it's a start."

IN ADDITION, supporting Proposal A would reduce the threat of the state taking money away from districts like Farmington.

McCabe cited

L. David McCabe, president of McCabe Funeral Home, was honored by Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. at its 1989 Annual Awards Banquet in Ann Arbor.

The Farmington Hills funeral home was recognized for maintaining a standard of excellence in the appearance of their facility.

McCabe Funeral Home was nominated for the award after receiving the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission's highest honor in 1988. McCabe was selected from 120 statewide entries.

The funeral home is at 31950 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Farmington Observer

(ISSN 187-840)

Published every Monday and Thursday by Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 605 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Second-class postage paid at Birmingham, MI 48009. Address all mail (subscription, change of address, Form 3569) to P.O. Box 2428, Livonia, MI 48151. Telephone 591-0500.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

(in Oakland County)
One year \$36.40
(Elsewhere in Michigan)
Newsstand . . . per copy, 50c
One year \$55.00
(Elsewhere in U.S.A.)

One year \$80.00
All advertising published in the Farmington Observer is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card, copies of which are available from the advertising department, Farmington 32303 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48331 477-5450. The Farmington Observer reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Observer & Eccentric ad-takers have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order.

*2000 REBATE

DELUXE FURNACE SALE

We are not comfortable until you are

1. HIGH EFFICIENCY HEATING & COOLING
2. LOW SOUND LEVEL
3. 20 YR. HEAT EXCHANGE WARRANTY
4. COMPACT SIZE
5. EASY MAINTENANCE
6. INSTALLED AND RUNNING FOR AS LOW AS \$1195

city permits extra

MODEL 3455040

EXPIRES 11-30-89

*Combination of Carrier and dealer rebates

TRU TEMP
Heating & Cooling, Inc.
General Office: Canton Twp. 951-0800
Garden City 951-0412

TEMPORARY CHILD CARE!

WE SPECIALIZE IN

- Drop In Care
- Hourly Rates
- Temporary or Long Term Stay
- Weekend Care
- Birthday Parties
- Ages 6 mos. to 12 years



851-3380

15 Mile and Orchard Lake Rd.
(in the Orchard Mall)

You are Cordially Invited to Attend a Holiday Gift Basket and Party Planning Open House

Place: **Bosc's**

Farmington Hills
(in the Orchard-12 Plaza at
the N.W. Corner of
12 Mi. & Orchard Lk.)

Phone: 553-8777

Dates: Tuesday, November 7
Wednesday, November 8

Time: 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- Party Tray and Gift Basket Displays
- Free Food & Refreshments Available
- Free Raffle - Win a CD Player or a 10-Speed Bicycle



Wine, Liquor & Gift Baskets
Party Planning Specialists Since 1973

Marks report to be late

Continued from Page 1

"After 45 years in this business (building), I've got a lot of friends. Some don't even build here. They're just my friends. The inference that I'm a builder-developer proponent is wrong," Marks said.

In 1985, Marks' builder-developer supporters, who have since had projects appear before the planning commission or city council were Stuart Frankel, Melvin Kafan, the Seaviv Group, Harold Bezno, William Bowman, James Janna, Peter Burton, Robert Katzman, James

Ginn (attorney for the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan) and architect Leonard Siegal.

FIVE OF the 13 candidates for four regular council terms — Vernon Klepinski, Ronald Oliverio, Albert Rosen, George Sarkisian and Herbert Limer — filed waivers, indicating they raised or spent less than \$1,000 as of Oct. 27.

Other candidates reported money raised, spent and debts as follows:

- Lawrence Lichtman: \$4,151 spent, \$7,174 raised, \$1,748 debts/obligations.
- Aldo Vagnozzi: \$3,352 spent,

\$4,875 raised, \$4,155 debts/obligations.

- Bettye Stines: a personal loan of \$944 and the same amount spent.
- Philip Arnold: \$2,571 spent, \$5,200 raised, \$3,500 debts/obligations.

- Jonathan Grant: \$780 spent, \$2,655 raised, \$1,822 debts/obligations.
- Paul Sowerby: \$3,151 spent, \$3,695 raised, no debts/obligations listed.

- Nancy Bates: \$2,485 spent, \$2,905 raised, \$700, debts/obligations.

Observer & Eccentric CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

644-1070 Oakland County
591-0900 Wayne County
852-3222 Rochester / Avon

Weight Loss Clinic comes to

NOVI



4 WEEKS only \$44

- Lose up to 5 pounds per week
- Stabilization Program keeps weight off for good
- Supervised by specially trained nurses



*Offer is for the weight loss portion of your program. New clients only.

†Individual results may vary.

Lose 35 lbs. by Christmas!

NOVI

43440 West Oaks Drive • Novi, Mich. 48050 • (313) 483-8388

Major Credit Cards Accepted. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. © Weight Loss Clinic International, Inc. 1989.

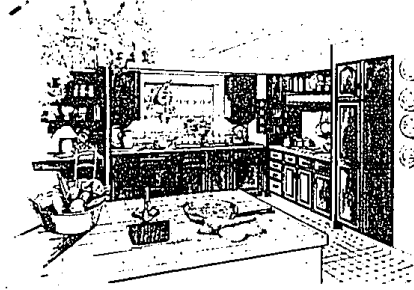
Is A Rose Always A Rose?



Several yesterdays ago it was safe to say "A Rose Is A Rose Is A Rose." Today, we're faced with flowers of different petals.

The rose on the left is indeed a rose. The rose on the right is man made—of silk. See the difference?

You can't always see the difference in kitchens either. That's why you need to invest some time examining Merillat Kitchens in our KSI Showrooms. We will demonstrate how Merillat craftsmanship is more than skin deep—the many innovative features such as the Whisperlide® Roller Drawer System—and best of all how Merillat gives you the custom look without the custom price tag.



KSI

KITCHEN & BATH SHOWROOMS

ANN ARBOR
1952 S. Industrial
769-7669

BRIGHTON
9325 Mantby Rd.
229-9554

LIVONIA
34724 Plymouth Rd.
261-6960

MT. CLEMENS
36549 Gratiot
791-7405

WATERFORD
5770 Dixie Hwy.
623-2333

Hours: Monday-Saturday 9-5, Thursday 9-8