

election notes

Editor's note: Throughout the 1991 races for Farmington and Farmington Hills city councils, we will include under this heading items such as scheduled candidates' nights, endorsements, campaign information or other tidbits voters may find interesting about the political race. The election is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

• Tax cut guru and prominent local Republican Richard Headlee is supporting a \$1.8 million bond issue for expansion of the local courthouse.

He is also the honorary chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Expansion of the 47th District Court, which officially formed just last week.

Two proposals will be on the Nov. 5 ballot — one in the city of Farmington and the other for Farmington Hills residents.

According to an Oct. 23 endorsement letter to district judges Margaret Schaeffer and Frederick Harris, Headlee said he "encourages a 'yes' vote" for expansion.

sion of the 47th District Court on Ten Mile.

"Our district court's workload is substantially higher than many similar courts in other areas of the state," Headlee said in his letter. He called the plans "reasonable" and said the expansion will "allow the addition of a third judge" and "will help speed justice in our home communities."

• First term Farmington City Council member JoAnne McShane is taking a cue from the old Burma Shave ad campaign, using it for this year's political campaign.

The "message" signs tout McShane's election are on Drake Road just south of Grand River and on Farmington Road between Grand River and Shiloh. One series of four signs says: "You know your vote, is not in vain; If you vote, For JoAnne McShane."

• Tune into local access cable Channel 12 at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 5, as the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission and Metro-

Vision of Oakland County present live election night coverage for the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi.

Hosts and moderators for the televised evening will be state Reps. Jan Dolan and Bill Bullard. They will guide poll watchers from city to city for the latest coverage of precinct by precinct election results.

Discussing the county bond proposition will be Roger Smith, deputy director of public works, solid waste department, Oakland County; and Lenora Jadun, general manager of the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwestern Oakland County.

Discussing the 47th District Court expansion bond proposals in the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills will be district judges Margaret Schaeffer and Fred Harris.

Interviewing candidates in the city of Farmington will be Sandy Brobertson, former state representative and Wendy Strip-Sittsamer, executive director, Farmington Downtown Development Authority.

Interviewing candidates in the city of Farmington Hills will be Jody Soronen, executive director Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce; and Donn Wolf, Oakland County commissioner.

fund raising is not very exciting reading, and if anyone does read it and is so inclined, I am still accepting personal contributions."

Candidates promise reports

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when asked to place his report with the clerk. "Yes, I intend to do so," Bates agreed. "Although my

Neighbors fear effects of courthouse expansion

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point unless two bond issues are approved next week.

Expansion of the courthouse, meant to accommodate a third district judge and support staff, will be put before voters on Tuesday, Nov. 5, in the form of two ballot proposals — one for Farmington and another for Farmington Hills. Each city will have a different share of the total \$1.8 million bond proposal based on state equalized value and caseload stemming from each city.

DEADMAN SAID both cities must individually pass their respective bond issues for the expansion to be approved.

The issue is expected to cost the average Farmington resident \$2.50 per year, the average Farmington Hills resident \$3.72 per year. Both bond issues would be for 20 years.

Meanwhile, a list of 35 civic and community leaders have formed a committee just 1½ weeks before the election to encourage passage of the bond issues. Called "Citizens For the Expansion of the 47th District Court," its honorary chairman is Farmington Hills businessman and tax cut guru Richard Headlee.

Member Barry Brickner said the group hopes to put out some type of informational flyer before the election.

clarification

A story about the Farmington Hills City Council's decision to continue allowing temporary uses — such as flower and plant stands — in the Thursday, Oct. 24, issue, should have stated that a majority of Ray Hesano's supporters expressed personal support. Few talked about the proposed ordinance.

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on the agenda

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

Farmington Hills City Council Council chambers
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28

The council will consider the following unfinished business:

- Enactment of a zoning text

amendment for permitted uses in the industrial-research-office district

- Enactment of a rezoning request from RA-1, single-family, to RCE, elderly housing, on the east side of Farmington Road, north of 13 Mile.

- Consideration of a resolution requesting the planning commission to reconsider industrial-research-office boundaries and make a recommendation to the council.

- Consideration of a resolution

requesting the planning commission's reconsideration of temporary businesses and uses.

- Consideration of a resolution regarding the operations of the U.S. Postal Service.

The council will also consider an award of a contract for Bidstone Lane sanitary sewer project and the approval of an agreement with Farmington Public Schools for the operation of the sledding hill at 32500 Shilohwasee.

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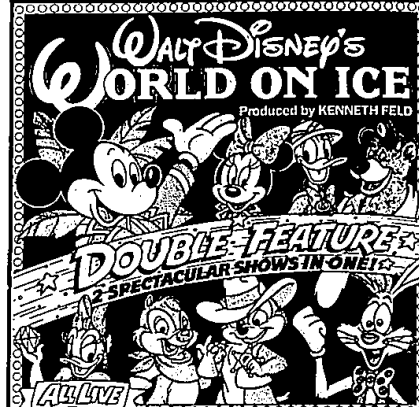
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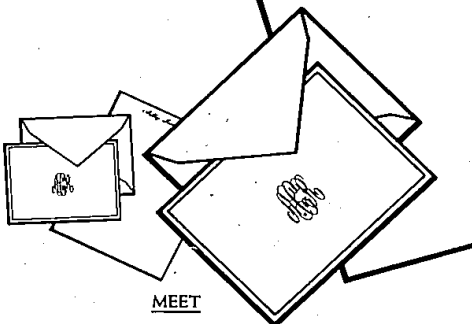
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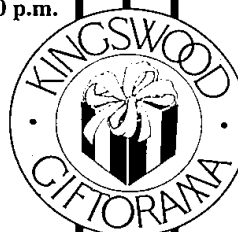
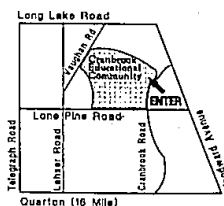
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