

Here it comes



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Winter's welcome mat: Drasho Mitriheski, owner of the Farmington Bakery, shovels the sidewalk in front of his business Thursday.

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■ A five-minute introduction by an unidentified moderator.
 ■ A three-minute opening statement by each participant.
 ■ Each participant will offer two-minute answers to each of nine questions, (three from each participant and three from the public)
 ■ A three-minute closing statement by each participant.
 ■ A five-minute closing by the moderator.
 "As a prominent proponent of this millage proposal, your presentation of its advantages would be beneficial to our community," Ranney wrote in the Dec. 4 letter. "You would also be entitled to present three questions, of your choosing, to be asked in the debate."
 DeVries, speaking for Ranney who DeVries said was out-of-town this week, stated that he believes the renewal package represents an increase and the debate will discuss that.

Meanwhile, Cathy Webb, a Farmington school board member, spoke out this week about the CQS debate, saying that Ranney "picked and chose" the people invited. "The format of CQS's debate is totally unacceptable," Webb said. "When the League of Women Voters conducts informational meetings, they do not allow a moderator any time, let alone 10 minutes, to speak from a potentially biased point of view as CQS has scheduled for itself. They also do not limit participation to a selected few, ultimately "selecting" one representative and three questioners."

She added that CQS representatives have never attended nor commented in person or in writing during the board's discussion about the renewal election.

"These discussions, as always, were open to the public and took place at two separate meetings in a span of two weeks," Webb said.

ON THE AGENDA

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

Farmington Hills City Council
 Farmington Hills City Hall
 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14
 Agenda items include:
 ■ Rezoning request of 33505, 33501, 33496 and 33490 Kirby Avenue, and lots 26 and 27 of Farmington Acres Subdivision.

■ Consideration of Approval of Amended Cluster Site Plan 108-10-87 on west side of Halsted Road, north of 12 Mile Road.
 ■ Presentation of year-end report from the Year 2000 Advisory Committee.
 ■ Request for council to approve recommended appointment of Magistrate for 47th District Court.
 ■ Informational report on area ice arena needs and facilities.

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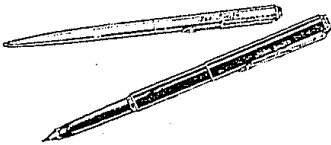
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