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## Unions snub school candidates



Farmington school union officials have reviewed the field in the coming election — and decided they don't like what they see. Anyway, they're not endorsing any of the three candidates.

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
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Instead of going *ecnie, meenic, minie, mo*, a political action committee for four Farmington Public Schools employes unions has just said no.

The unions' PAC doesn't plan to endorse any of the three school board candidates in this year's election.

The news is not a surprise to candidates, especially incumbents. "That's politics, I guess," said Cathleen Webb, who is seeking a second term in the June 13 election. Some might see the unions' action as punitive. They are locked in a court battle with the Farmington Board of Education over who will be

its health-care administrator. The board also passed a resolution that endorsed cost-containment measures, whose features also appeared in a state bill that fines teachers for striking.

"I think they're looking for their candidate," said R. Jack Inch, who is seeking a fourth term on the school board. "They're trying to design a candidate, and that candidate is not here. It's 1994, not 1978." Both Inch and Webb called the PAC's refusal to endorse anyone "short-sighted."

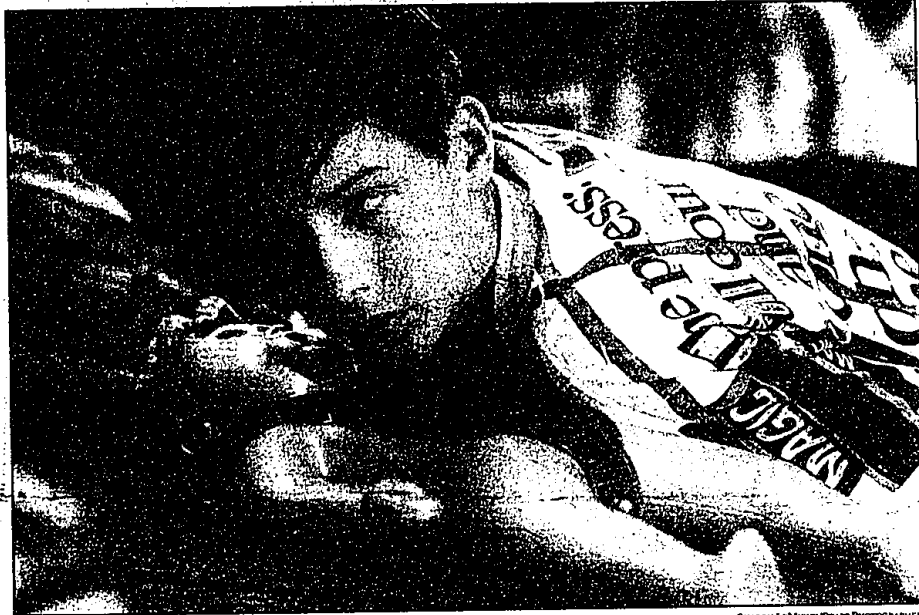
The election's lone challenger puts a different spin on the non-endorsement.

"I think it's a shame the teachers feel so alienated from the process that they are unable to endorse anybody," Kenneth Stein said. "I think it reflects their concern with current administration and the lack of (their) ability to keep promises they make . . . i.e. the contract they're trying to get out of."

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### Learning CPR at Power Middle School



SHARON LEMMEL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**A doll of a project:** Dan Turkowshi, a Power Middle School sixth-grader, practices rescue breathing on a doll in a pilot program that teaches cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to students at Power Middle School in the Farmington District. For more photos and a story, please see Page 3A.

## Stein plugs into technology

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
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Kenneth Stein wants more technology in the schools. That's inspiring another hard drive for a seat on the Farmington Board of Education.

But will voters bite? Last year, they nibbled. Stein finished seventh out of nine candidates in last year's school election. "This one doesn't promise to be any easier."

Stein's up against two incumbents, R. Jack Inch and Cathleen Webb, who are also vying for the two open seats. The election is Monday, June 13.

"They're very popular people, absolutely," said Stein, who is a Farmington Hills resident. "I still think people want a change. I still think people

### SCHOOL ELECTION

want a change in the Farmington schools.

"I don't think you can find a single parent out there who has children in the Farmington Public Schools who won't have at least one horror story . . . where they weren't able to get something done."

Stein brings a certain moxie to this election. He's the only one of the seven who lost last year to return for another go. His background offers some insight as to why.

At 25, Stein has passed his bar exam and is ready to become a practicing patent attorney. He has a chemical engineering degree from the University of Michigan as well as a

law degree from Wayne State University. On his career path, plenty of people said no along the way, Stein said.

There's a saying, "An educated derelict is a proverb. Perseverance is what gets you there." Stein has those words on his wall.

"That's one of the reasons I'm back," he said. Another reason is to tout technology. Stein doesn't think Farmington Public Schools is doing enough, or is keeping up with the rapid changes in the field.

Stein proposes the district write for more grants and develop partnerships with the likes of IBM and Apple. He points out President Bill Clinton just signed the Education 2000 bill, which

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Kenneth Stein:  
School Board Candidate

## Police: Business should come on like gangbusters

BY BILL COUTANT  
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Educating the business community is the first step in a "zero tolerance" approach that has the best track record of fighting gang activity.

Farmington Hills crime prevention officer Jeff Anderson said police are taking "pro-active" steps to make sure gangs don't get a foothold in the city. And one of the best ways to do that is for businesses to be aware of the first signs, literally, of gang activity — graffiti.

"We call it the show phase," Anderson told a small group of business people at the department's Business Watch meeting last Thursday at Mr. Sports. "It's advertising. It says 'We're here, and we want everyone to know it.'"

Although many gangs are new to the Detroit area, they have a long history in California and New York, Anderson said. "There are third-generation gang members," he said.

After using graffiti to announce their presence, gangs start recruiting, Anderson said they offer the powerful inducements of sex, drugs and alcohol. Then come initiations, which can involve beating up a new recruit or, in the case of female recruits, having sex with gang members.

Crimes such as shoplifting, malicious destruction of property and thefts then increase as gangs operate in a community. Once gangs get a foothold, more serious crimes, such as break-ins, robberies and even drive-by shootings often follow.

Anderson said older gang members typically have younger members, ages 12 or 13, commit crimes because they can only be prosecuted as juveniles while the older members can be tried as adults.

He compared gang organization to baseball, with a National League and an American League along with separate teams. The Folks and the People are umbrella organizations for many gangs, including the Latin Counts, Cobras, Crips and Square Boys. Gang members also dress in certain colors, and will

often dress in the jerseys, jackets and hats of professional sports teams that have gang colors. Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Lisa Tomko said there are 109 gangs operating in 20 suburban communities. A countywide task force has been formed to share information.

Although some area police agencies aren't sure if the gang problem is partly just kids "showing off" with graffiti and clothing, they believe it's better not to take a chance.

"If we see them spray painting their graffiti, showing their colors and flashing their signs — and we turn our heads and call them wannabes — they're going to get the better of us," Tomko said.

About 90 percent of gang graffiti in Farmington Hills has been removed, and that is one of the better means of prevention businesses can use, Anderson said. Another is just to be aware of gang symbols — the star of David, pitchforks and backward Ke — and inform police about them.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.