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Ice arena ballot issue running hot, cold

BY BILL COUTANT

With time short before Tues-day's primary, supporters of a ballot issue that would pay for a new multi-purpose les arens are hoping that voters aren't cool to the idea.

afraid of that ailence," usan McKendrick, a sup-of the arens plan. "If no-

voters are out over in any number, they are quiet."
But some residents were willing to talk about their reasons for opposing the project.
"This is semething that should be put out for hid by a private company," said Hills resident Ray Okonaki. "I've been in business all my life. And if what they (Say Yes to the Ice Arena Committee) say (errans is in demand) is true, it can be done privately. If no private concern will build it, that should tall you something."
O'conaki said the city should stick to essential services, such as fire, police and garbage pickup,

and leave the rest to the private

and leave the rest to the private sector.

"All these other former communits countries are going to the free enterprise system and we've going the other way," he said the other way," he said the state way, "he said as the concerned that the aremais as "fall" the city can't afford other things like Marcy Center and fire and police needs," said they are readent. These favoring the arema say it won't cost taxpayers because the dobt would be paid off from the proceeds and if there were a short-

auon, cosung expeyers little.
"Hopefully it will pass," said
Pete Jonna, an arena supporter
and amateur hockey player. "Id"
asy 90 persons of the people We
taiked to want it. The people who
don't are people who wouldn't use"
it."

Dennis Fitzgerald, chairman of the committee, said feedback has been positive.
"The questions we've had have been informed questions, as if it is already a reality," he said. "I hope they're right."

Arena, House seat primary questions for voters

By BILL COUTANT

Whether it's the 37th District Whether it's the 57th District State House race, a proposal for a bond issue to build an ice arens or the races for the U.S. Senate, absentee balloting appears heavi-er this year than two years ago in Farmington and Farmington Hills

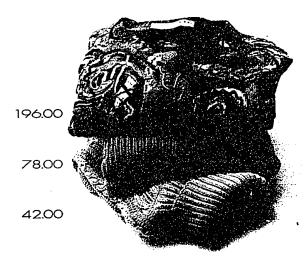
for the Aug. 2 primary.

Hills assistant city clerk Sue
Rose said 6,900 absentee ballots
were maided out for this year's
primary as compared to 6,641 two
years ago. She astimated that
about 2,000 had been returned as
of Wednesday. In March, 7,822
absentee ballots were sent out for

a special election for Proposal A, which passed by a 2-1 margin statewide. Farmington city clerk/ treasurer Patsy Cantrell said absenter ballot requests were up in Farmington as well with 559 mailed out this years as compared with 385 in August of 1992.

In both cities, absentee voters can return the ballots up until the polls close at 8 p.m. Theselay: Polls are open for voting from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in both cities. Voting precincts will be the same as in the March election.

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