



Time out: Farmington High seniors Julie Prudhomme, left, and Eva Hildenbrand monitor the time candidates take to respond to questions at Monday's mayoral debate.

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former classmates, for the better. And he challenged the students to get involved themselves.

"You may have to make a lot of decisions that affect the quality of life," he said.

Sever got the loudest applause — and a few giggles.

Fitzgerald, a former North Farmington teacher and coach, told students not to underestimate their vote, reminding them that Sever had lost one election by one vote.

"You have great leverage, especially in a local election," he said.

Barnett, who recalled an earlier high school appearance in which she fell off the stage, said new laws such as "Motor Voter" registration, and the ability for students to register at high schools, made voting easier than ever.

She did one better than Fitzgerald, recalling a Farmington election in 1993, in which candidates Mary Bush and Richard Tupper had tied and

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had to draw names from a hat to decide the issue.

Bates called the students "tomorrow's leaders" and took a stab at recruiting them as volunteer mentors for the new teen recreation program.

Marks said that young people do care about politics and encouraged them to become involved.

Then came mayoral candidates Paul Sowerby and Aldo Vagnozzi.

Vagnozzi said Sever's remarks reminded him that he had been a recall target for advocating sex education while a Farmington School Board trustee in the 1970s.

He also asked a show of hands of those who had used the ice arena he had supported as a council member.

Sowerby challenged Vagnozzi on his "tax and spend" record, including support of a second Zamboni machine for the arena.

Vagnozzi responded with a two-liner: "He talked a lot about the Zamboni, it turned out to be baloney."

And for the most part, the two staked out positions apart.

Student Sondra Fobbs asked what example they would set as mayor.

Vagnozzi, who prides himself on his door-to-door campaign style, said he has made keeping in touch with residents a priority, "not just at election time."

Sowerby said he would show the fiscal restraint needed to make sure the taxpayers don't suffer and gave the students an example to which they could relate.

"It's like when you want to buy new Nikes (shoes)," he said. "If you don't have the money, you know you can't buy them." Jeremy Van Meter, a student from Farmington Hills, said he liked the format but will miss out on this year's election. He turns 18 on Nov. 11.

"I thought Vagnozzi was more consistent in his positions," he said.

Van Meter and other students in the district will have their chance to vote, whether or not they're 18, in a mock election Oct. 31. Students at Farmington, Harrison, North Farmington and the Alternative Academy will cast their ballots for candidates.

Diane Duthie, who helped organize Monday's forum, praised the students' attentiveness and interest and said Farmington High and Alternative Academy students will vote for both the Farmington and Farmington Hills candidates.

"I think the students are very interested," she said.

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free passes to try "Y" facilities and classes during community week, Oct. 29 through Nov. 4. Save \$100 when you join the Y during community week and help support a great community tradition.

The open house will feature a drawing for a golf getaway compliments of Bay Valley Resort and many other free prizes. The YMCA is located on Farmington Road 6 miles north of 12 Mile Road. For more information, call the YMCA at 553-4020.

Established in 1965, the Farmington Area YMCA is a nonprofit, community-oriented organization dedicated to building healthy bodies, minds and spirits. The Y serves people of all ages and backgrounds through a variety of fitness, educational and social programs, including adult sports, camping, fitness classes, gymnastics, Indian Federation programs, aquatics, teen programs, youth sports and a Wellness Center. The Farmington Area YMCA is also the leading provider of child care in Oakland County.

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## OBITUARIES

**GRACE V. MACHA**  
Mrs. Macha, 88, of Farmington died Oct. 20 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Lorain, Ohio, Mrs. Macha was a homemaker. She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella.

Survivors include her daughters, Linda Bilag and Diane Kolbe; brothers, James and Ben Morrone; sisters, Dorothy Monaco and Jeanette Stevens; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated at St. Gerald Catholic Church with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or Paget's Disease Foundation.

Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

**DORA M. FAYAL**

Mrs. Fayal, 82, of Novi, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Oct. 21 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Fayal was a homemaker.

Survivors include her sons, George and James; three brothers and two sisters; two grandchildren.

Services were at the Thayer-

Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. George Shalhoub of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church officiating. Burial was in Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak.

Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association.

**MARY C. WASILEWSKI**

Mrs. Wasilewski, 86, died Oct. 20 at Meadowlark of Howell. She lived in Farmington Hills for the past 11 years at Detroit Baptist Manor, at Drake and Freedom and was one of the original residents.

Born in Gary, W.Va., Mrs. Wasilewski and her husband worked and lived above the Slovick Drug Store (they owned it during the 1960s) in Detroit. He was killed during a robbery in 1967. She then worked at Minder Drugs in Garden City.

Survivors include her son, Paul; daughter, Mary Jo Palar; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Oct. 23 at John N. Santolu & Son Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. John Lazar of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Dearborn officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to Farmington Hills Senior Adult Nutrition Program, 28600 N. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48336.

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