

OBITUARIES

RAYMOND OLIVER LETOURNEAU

Raymond LeTourneau, 87, died Jan. 24 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

A resident of Farmington Hills, Mr. LeTourneau was born in Alpena, Mich. He was a dispatcher in the trucking industry. Doreen Panaretos, son Dennis, sister, Norma Tovey, 10 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren.

Memorial services were Jan. 27 at St. Gerald in Farmington.

STACY "BILL" MARTIN

Stacy "Bill" Martin, 84, died Jan. 24 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Born in Oakland, Calif., Mr. Martin was a Quality Control Inspector for the auto industry.

He is survived by wife, Mollie and many nieces and nephews. The funeral was held Jan. 27 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington.

Donations may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association.

HOWARD JACOB "JACK" ANSTETH, JR.

Howard Jacob "Jack" Ansteth Jr., 85, of Farmington Hills died

Jan. 26 at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Born in Buffalo, Mr. Ansteth was a leasing manager for an auto dealership.

He is survived by wife, Sharon; sons, John, Michael and Stewart; daughters Jacqueline Lord, and Tracy Ansteth, and seven grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on Jan. 28 at Heeney-Sunquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Tributes can be sent to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

CONNIE MARIE GALLUS

Connie Marie Gallus, 48, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 24.

Mrs. Gallus was a homemaker. She enjoyed golf and was a member of Walnut Creek Country Club.

She is survived by her husband, Gregory; son, Judd of Ohio; daughter, Amy of Northville; brother, Bryan Bartness of Minnesota; and sister, Nancy Newstrom of Minnesota.

Funeral was Jan. 28 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. A memorial service is Friday at Sacred Heart Church in Minnesota.

Memorials may be sent to the Juvenile Diabetes Association.

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What the millage renewal means," said Deb Brauer, school and community relations supervisor. "Afterward, people from the community will be able to ask questions."

Superintendent Bob Maxfield is expected to moderate the four sessions. Other school officials will be present.

District employees will attend an informational meeting 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the district training center.

The district will ask voters to approve \$110 million in bonds to help pay for building renovations and new computers.

If approved, taxpayers would pay an additional 2 mills. That means the owner of a \$165,000 home would pay \$165 more each year in taxes.

Voters will also be asked to renew 1.7503 mills for home- and 5.9166 mills on non-homesteads that expire after 1997. The expiring mills account for \$10 million in revenue.

An eight-page list of frequently asked questions and answers

was compiled and is available at school buildings.

"It's constantly being updated," Brauer said.

A fact sheet explaining the election will be also mailed to residents in February.

Information will also be available through district-produced shows as "In Touch with Farmington Public Schools," "From the Desk of Superintendent Bob Maxfield," and "Board Briefs" on cable TV's Channel 10.

"We're not creating any new videos or anything," Brauer said. "It will be on existing (programming) vehicles."

Farmington schools' World Wide Web site — <http://www.farmington.k12.mi.us> — will have a FAQ (frequently asked questions) section posted about the bond and millage renewal elections. People can also ask questions via e-mail to: info@farmington.k12.mi.us.

"The cool thing with the web site is if we have someone who wants a question answered quickly, we can answer it quick-

ly," Brauer said. Enquiries can be answered by traditional methods, too. People may phone the district's commu-

nity relations office at 489-3349 or leave a message on the district's action line number at 489-3337.

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admits the concept is idealistic, if not romantic, "but that's what we're all about," he said.

Critics see the equity obscuring the excellence. Some parents of gifted children complained, in the effort to bring lower performing students to the middle, there's not enough being done to challenge those at the top.

One of the most outspoken is Farmington Hills resident Eric Borregard, who said in the past that the district "pushes" all the children to the center.

"What happens is the school board is elected by the political majority," Borregard said. "The political majority is usually people with average kids who have average problems."

"Whatever they're going to do, their bent is going to be egalitarian because it's politically popular. It's not going to accomplish what they think it will, though."

Those like Borregard point to the Livonia district, which has a magnet school. Gifted students are taken out of regular classes

and bused to a place where they receive specialized instruction.

"We believe in the long run it's not good for all kids," Maxfield said, "and, yet, not to challenge your brightest kids would be a huge mistake."

Farmington school officials align themselves with the multiple intelligences theory echoed by author Howard Gardner in the book "Frames of Mind: The

Theory of Multiple Intelligences."

The author argues "that we all have multiple intelligences." Maxfield said. "Intellectual, book learning intelligence might not be the only one."

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