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### **CAMPAIGN CORNER**

News regarding political activities and events from all candidates are included in this column. Items may be submitted to 33411 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48331; faxed to (248) 477emailed kmcmanus@oe.homecomm.net

■ State Representative candidate Aldo Vagnozzi has won the endorsement of the Michigan School Administrators Associa-

School Administrators Associa-tion.

The Association represent public school superintendents, associate superintendents, first-line assistants and retired superintendents.

The former mayor of Farming-ton Hills said he was honored to have the support of the Administrators and to be considered a strong supporter of public educa-

The Farmington Democratic Club has made its endorsements for the Aug. 6, 2002 primary election.

Club chair Gerald Goldberg

Club chair Gerald Goldberg said the endorsements came after an open process in which enadidates who asked to be considered went before a screening committee. Choices were voted on by the full club membership. The endorsed candidates are David Fink for Congress, State Representative Gilda Jacobs Tatte Senate, former Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi for State Representative, Jim Nash and Ryan Gesund for

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Democratic Club endorsees

named for upcoming primary

tion. Vagnozzi's district includes three school districts – Farming-ton, Clarenceville and Walled Lake. He served on the Farming-ton District school board for four years including one year as vice president.

■ John Akouri, former Press Secretary to Congressman Jose Knollenberg and candidate for the Michigan House of Repre-sentatives in the 37th District will welcome U.S. Congressman Ray LaHood of Illinois to South-east Michigan on July 12 for an Akouri Campaign Reception and Dinner. Congressman LaHood, a

Dinner.
Congressman LaHood, a
Republican hailing from Illinois'
18th District, is serving a distinguished fourth term in the U.S.
House and presently sits on the
powerful Appropriations Com-

County Commissioner. There was a dual endorsement for District Judge of Faul Bitzmann and Barry Brickner.
Goldberg urged residents to support these candidates and join the Democratic Club white meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Pipefitters Hall on Northwestern north of Inkster.

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mittee. The Budget Committee and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He is regarded as a legislator with a keen understanding of the traditions of the House and as one who is committed to working with both Democrats and Republicans to achieve results.

■ A growing list of prominent community leaders have given their endorsement to Michael Rogers for County Commissioner. Farmington Hills Mayor Nancy Bates has joined Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and State Senator Bill Bullard as civic leaders giving their endorsement of Rogers for the 14th District.

Rogers is seeking election in the newly redrawn district. He is currently a Farmington Hills

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planning commissioner and a transportation planning engi-neer for the Oakland County Road Commission.

■ The Small Business Association of Michigan political action committee has endorsed Republican candidate Valerie Knol in the race for the 37th District Michigan House seat.

The SBAM PAC endorsement

The SBAM PAC endorsement shows our support for those can-didates who will promote free enterprise in our state and back the interests of Michigan's small business community," says Paul Hense, chairman of the SBAM PAC.

Endorsements were based on candidates' leadership potential and general support of small business issues and concerns.

The Oakland Community College Board of Trustees named George F. Keith, 59, vice chancellor of academic and student

## OCC veteran named vice chancellor

cellor of academic and student services in June.

As the college's chief academic officer Keith's duties will include coordination of the planning, organization and review of the five-campus college's curriculum, as well as facilitation of the planning, development and organization of student services, counseling, placement and student life oper-

ations.

Keith succeeds Carol Brown who leaves OCC to assume the presidency of Waukesha County Technical College in Wisconsin. Keith assumes his new post on Aug. 1.

Keith began his career at OCC in 1987 as a member of the English faculty at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

In March 1993, Keith was appointed president of the Orchard Ridge Campus.



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well as the Chamber office. Nine other cash prizes ranging from \$150 to \$1,000 are also available, increasing the odds of winning 1 in 100.

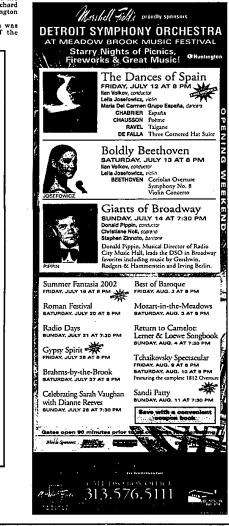
The drawing will take place beginning at 6 p.m. at the raffle party on Saturday, July 20 in the Founder's Café. Musical

entertainment for the evening will be provided by Wheatfield Soul. The party will take place behind Page's restaurant located at the southeast corner of Farmington Road and Grand River. Each ticket holder will get two vouchers to enter the tent area along with food and drink ticks. The actual drawing will take place at 9 p.m. As the Chamber did in 2001, WRIF's Trudi Daniels will help the Chamber pick the winning tickets.

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce has become a major supporter and

Hills Chamber of Commerce has become a major supporter and sponsor of the Founders Festival due to the raffle. Twenty percent of the 2002 Fantasy Raffle proceeds helps support the Festival. For more information or to purchase a ticket call Ara Topouzian at (248) 474-3440 ext. 23.

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