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late news

Mrs. Rhoda Niss of Livonia was reported Friday in good condition after undergoing a kidney transplant in University Hospital, Ann Arbor on Monday.

Mrs. Niss is known to many in this area because of her determined fight against kidney disease and the efforts of her neighbors and the whole community to help financially.

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Candidates Views

Monday is election day and to help residents decide who are the best two candidates to elect from the field of 12 hopefuls, an editorial endorsement is printed on this page and a summary of the candidates' views as expressed at "meet the candidates" nights.

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Story Behind Story

Wednesday Farmington residents were given a full account of the tragic plane crash in downtown Farmington. A followup on page one provides details learned since, but inside, Daniels Den tells the story behind the story and takes readers behind the scenes in a race towards a deadline.

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Bond Stays Open

Bond Elementary School will remain open, at least for one more year. And the amendment to the cluster ordinance before city council is still unacted, at least for two more weeks.

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Observer Feature Writer, BETTY FRANKEL, focuses on Suburbia's homes and gardens and how to beautify both. Don't miss her advice in today's FOCUS: Suburbia

School Issues Are Debated; Now Voters Decide Monday

Farmington School District will conduct a trustees election Monday, and when it is all over, there will be two winners and 10 losers.

Twelve candidates are vying for the two four-year term positions on the Farmington Board of Education.

Of the 12, only 10 are actively campaigning. Joe T. Fowlkes and Paul Olivier Jr. have failed to appear at any of the five "meet the candidates" programs scheduled during the past couple weeks.

The other candidates have made at least two appearances and many have showed up at all of the meetings to answer questions from the public.

THE ISSUES which have come out at the candidate meetings include:

Whether the fifth junior high should be constructed; what should be done about cross-district

busing; whether the district should make a fourth attempt for additional operating millage; how the budget should be balanced in case another millage attempt is foregone.

Also: necessity of sex education and minority understanding programs; and how to best maintain quality education when faced with a shortage of funds.

Besides Fowlkes and Olivier, the candidates are: William E. Corliss of 23440 Wilmarth; Albert A. Darian of 24605 Glen Orchard Dr.; Bruce E. Duke of 28415 Inkster; David V. Gayner of 32218 Hull; Kenneth J. Guion of 25771 Kilreigh Ct.; David M. Jones of 24758 Roosevelt Ct.; Jack Mingo of 29531 Pipers Lane; G. Kenneth Poye of 7347 Coach Lane; Mervyn B. Ross of 31152 Carriage Hill Ct., the sole incumbent; and George V. Strelczuk of 21289 Birchwood.

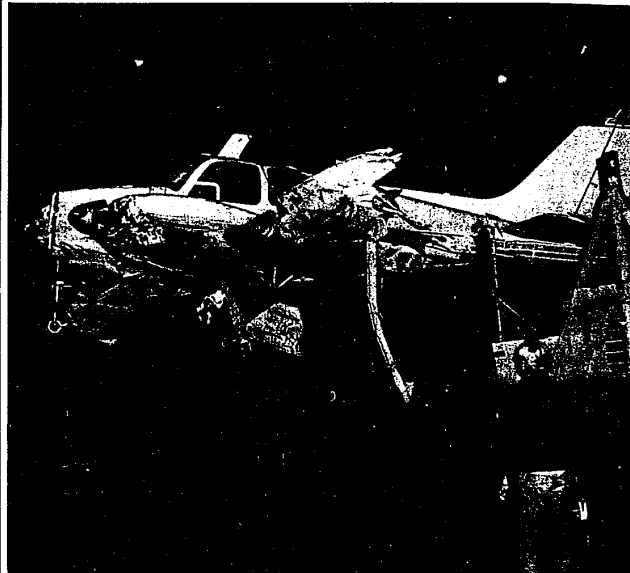
RICHARD PETERS, board president, was up

for re-election but decided against running again which means there will be at least one new face on the board.

Those trustees who are not facing election this year are Kenneth Ferrin, Kathryn Sterling, Aldo Vagnozzi, Ronald Emmitt and Elizabeth Brennan.

The polls will open at 7 a.m. Monday and close at 8 p.m. Those voters standing in line at 8 p.m. will be allowed to vote. Absentee ballots must reach the Farmington Board of Education offices by 5 p.m. Monday to be counted.

The voting precincts are: Precinct One in Farmington Junior High, 33000 Thomas; Precinct Two in O.E. Dunkel Junior High at 32800 W. 12 Mile; Precinct Three in Eagle Elementary at 29410 W. 14 Mile at Middlebelt; and Precinct Four in Middlebelt Elementary School at 24400 Middlebelt.



COMING DOWN — The plane which crashed into the roof of Farmer Jack's supermarket in Farmington is shown being lowered

to the ground by a crane which was called in from Southfield. (Ralph Evert photo)

Air Crash Investigated

By EMORY DANIELS

The pilot flying the plane that crashed into Farmer Jack's Supermarket Tuesday night was undergoing test flights to learn how to handle the craft in case of an engine failure.

David Dalpina, of Livonia, was the pilot and was going through maneuvers necessary to obtain his multi-engine license. The maneuvers included stalling of one engine at a time to learn how to handle a plane in case one engine fails.

The instructor with Dalpina in the plane was Mark Markovich of Southfield. Both Dalpina and Markovich now face Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) administration hearings and both face possible suspension of licenses.

City of Farmington Police are considering whether to file criminal charges and are expected to ask Oakland County Prosecutor Thomas Plunkett to issue warrants.

THE PLANE had departed from Pontiac Airport at 6:47 p.m. without filing a flight plan, according to Lt. Daniels Bymes, acting public safety director, City of Farmington.

The plane then flew to Mettetal Airport in Plymouth to pick up Bernard Sloane, a passenger. Another passenger was Donald J. Vassel of Livonia.

Byrnes said there were no mechanical malfunctions and the accident was due strictly to pilot error.

The plane was flying too low for necessary air speed, Bymes commented, and procedures involved for these training maneuvers apparently were not followed.

After one engine is shut off, FAA officials say, a plane has a tendency to roll over which apparently happened after the first engine cutoff or after both were off because of lack of air speed. The plane was estimated to be flying at about 60 miles per hour over Farmington.

State laws provide that these tests cannot be conducted over heavily populated areas, Bymes said, and there are limits on how low planes can fly when conducting the tests.

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Best 2 Candidates For Trustee Are Mervyn Ross, Bill Corliss

Twelve candidates are vying for two seats on the Farmington Board of Education Monday, June 12.

The two winners will have some very difficult decisions to make during the coming school year and it is imperative that the very best qualified candidates are elected to serve the Farmington community.

To seek out the two best qualified candidates, the Farmington Enterprise & Observer staff has spent considerable time examining the backgrounds, positions statements and answers to our questionnaire.

After careful study, our unqualified endorsement is given to Mervyn Ross and William Corliss as the two best fitted to serve during the next four years on the Farmington Board of Education.

Those unable to be considered for endorsement because they failed to respond to our questionnaire include: Bruce E. Duke, Joe T. Fowlkes, David V. Gayner, Paul Olivier Jr. and George V. Strelczuk.

ROSS HAS SERVED one year on the school board and has gained in insight, understanding, tolerance and wisdom.

During the past year, we have found little in Ross's performance that has been disappointing. We know of his tested ability to make decisions

non-politically on the basis of what is best for the community and children attending Farmington public schools. A good man on the board should be kept there.

All candidates were asked how best the board could bridge the apparent credibility gap between voters and the public. Ross was the sole candidate to suggest elimination of unnecessary secret meetings from which the public is barred.

This answer could have been expected from a challenger, but was not given. Being an in-

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cumbent, Ross's forthright suggestion confirms his integrity, non-partisan stance, and concern for the community.

CORLISS has been attending school board meetings regularly for the past few years, as have some other candidates, but stands above the others with some fresh ideas which need exploring.

Corliss has a background in elementary PTA leadership and has concrete proposals which are valuable enough to warrant his election to the board.

Corliss believes that curriculum continuity and coordination between elementary and secondary schools should be improved; a district-wide pre-school evaluation program should be instituted; and the district must more effectively meet the needs of non-college bound students.

Corliss, like Ross, believes the board should keep itself free from commitments to special interest groups and feels that before academic programs are cut, reductions should be made in such ancillary services as transportation, lunch programs, drivers education, plant operation and maintenance, noon aides and reduction of the central administration staff.

THE DIFFERENCES between Ross and Corliss and the other 10 candidates are so great that we recommend only these two as best qualified.

There are good men in the field but we feel none is good enough to be recommended as a third choice. The Farmington Enterprise & Observer urges all residents to vote Monday and hope the turnout for trustees' election will be as great as the last millage vote.

We also hope residents will give overwhelming support to the two best qualified candidates — Mervyn Ross and William Corliss.

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