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Contest For Township Offices Tops Tuesday's Primary

Farmington area voters will be picking candidates in races for congress, county commissioner, and state representative in the primary election Tuesday. In Farmington Township two trustees and three administrative posts are on the ballot.

Candidates for congress in the 17th district are: Republican Ralph E. Judd, Detroit, is running against Thomas E. Klunzinger, Detroit.

Democrat Martha W. Griffiths, Detroit, is running unopposed.

Candidates for state representative in the 64th district are: Republican Raymond L. Baker, Farmington, is running unopposed.

Democrat John P. Campbell, Farmington, is running against Robert L. Leach, Southfield.

districts representing the Farmington area:

District 15: Democrat Eliot H. Banks is running unopposed.

Republicans are in a four-way contest: E. Marshall Greene, Farmington; Lillian Moffitt, Birmingham; Joseph Roberts, Southfield; and Neil Wallace Jr., of Southfield.

District 24: Democrats are in a four-way contest: Glenn R. Bettis, Novi; Benjamin Bundo Jr., Walled Lake; John M. Gillis, Wixom; and William R. O'Brian, Novi.

Republican Lew Coy, Wixom, is unopposed.

District 25: Democrats are Margaret Gelinas, Walled Lake; and Jack Rose, Milford.

Republicans are Edward Holmes, Commerce; Frank Marotta, Milford; Lester Maynard, Walled Lake; Patrick Nowak, Farmington; and Margaret Stevenson, Walled Lake.

District 27: Democrat

Republicans are August Barbrick Jr. and Wilbur Brotherton, both of Farmington.

IN FARMINGTON Township, there are contests for supervisor, clerk, treasurer and two trustees.

For supervisor, Robert McConnell and Earl Teeples are Republican contenders. No Democrats filed.

For clerk, Republicans are Floyd Cairns, Alia Prain and Art Pusey. Joyce Hungerford is the only Democrat.

For treasurer, Democrat Katherine Vignoe is unopposed. Republicans are Charles Foust, Jr., and Thomas Nolan.

There are two seats for trustee, and Democrats Maynard Gordon and Michael Zeglen are unopposed.

Republicans will choose between Steven Davidovich, Frederick Lichtman, Margaret Schaeffer and Joseph Teeples.

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Candidates Speak

The Republican primary in Farmington Township has the biggest political contest locally. We interviewed the candidates for trustee and treasurer and the results are on: Page 2-3A

Budget Hearing

A hearing on the school budget is scheduled for the end of the month. What's the financial condition of the district after the millage defeats? Not that bad. Page 14A

Busing Clusters

What school is yours tied with under a proposed integration plan with the Detroit system? We have a complete list for the Farmington area on Page 4A

To Be Twins


Early next year, some 500 more people will be able to go to the movies in Observeland. That's the target date for a project which is turning Garden City's La Parisien into twins. Page 10B

Passion Play

The one that's put on in the Ozarks draws some sharp comments from our religion columnist. Read Religion Update in our Church Section. Page 9A

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FOCUS: Suburbia



Suburbia has a new social center
What is it?
Read today's edition of FOCUS: Suburbia for the interesting answer

Republicans Spar At League Forum

By DAN MCCOSH

A few of the gloves came off in the primary campaign in Farmington Township Wednesday night at the League of Women Voters' Candidates night at Harrison High.

With about 50 people in attendance, the Republicans dominated the evening. There are no contests in the primary on the Democratic ticket, and only two of the Democratic candidates—Maynard Gordon and Joyce Hungerford—attended.

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"We have put two parks in operation, received federal money for parks and the police department."

"These appointments were made by a committee, not by me," he said, then qualified the statement by saying Teeples was head of the committee that picked the police chief.

"Why don't we have better roads, a master drainage

plan?" he continued, then wound up his attack with a plug for incorporation, which has been his main campaign issue.

"It's not because he hasn't tried, it's because as a township supervisor he is responsible to no one. What is needed is a city government with a professional city manager."

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CHARLES PELL pets Aspega the tarantula, who was named Farmington's most unusual pet at the recent Founders Festival pet show.

8-Legged Wonder Is This Boy's Pet

By MARY PADEN

When 11-year-old Charles Pell of Farmington opened a birthday present sent by a family friend in Texas several months ago, his father, also named Charles, "turned six shades of white I've never seen before," recalls Mrs. Suzanne Pell.

He eats a cricket or two a week, dissolving the body with a liquid secretion and discarding the legs and head. "He's a gory eater," Mary said.

Charles, a science buff, broke his parents in for the tarantula with a pregnant praying mantis and a walking stick.

Other semi-pets congregate in the backyard pond ("He calls it a nature center. I call it a swamp," said Mrs. Pell.)

But even in such a tolerant family there is a limit. As Charles replied to a question over the phone about the possibility of his breeding tarantulas, his mother's voice could be heard in the background.

"No! because your mother won't allow it!"

Charles' parents have adjusted well to Aspega who lives in an aquarium.

"It comes with the boy and the friends," said Mrs. Pell.

"It's really kind of a friendly little thing. When you put your face up to the aquarium and call it, it comes. It only goes by feel and sound."

"It's not nearly as demanding as his sister's cat. It just wants water and an occasional cricket," she said.

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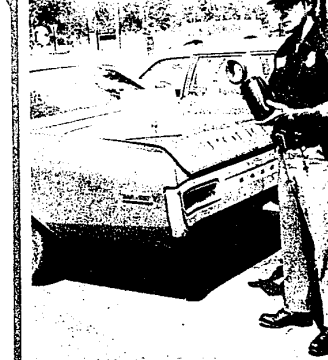
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TO THE RESCUE -- Portable resuscitating units are now standard equipment in all Farmington Township Police cars. Officers, who may be near the scene of an emergency, can respond and offer first aid to heart attack victims with the unit.

Boy Loses Eye From Gunshot

A 12-year-old boy lost the sight of an eye in a gun accident recently, according to Farmington Township police.

Merril Hoskins, 12, son of Mrs. Barbara Hoskins, 2161 Roosevelt, apparently found a "zip gun" in a junk car near his home July 28.

He pulled the trigger while looking at the gun and the gun went off. It was loaded with bird shot, according to police reports, wounding him in the right eye.

He was taken to Botsford General Hospital and later transferred to Ford hospital, according to township police.

Drug Center Leader Leaves

Rev. Ralph Rideout, the former minister of North Farmington Baptist Church who engineered Farmington's "Rap Line" program, says he is leaving to take a new job in the State of Washington as coordinator of that state's drug programs.

Rideout has been an active figure in youth work in the Farmington area for the past five years.

His work with youth at a volunteer drop-in center and telephone "problem-solving" service aimed primarily at youthful drug users eventually resulted in his being named director of the center.

Under his directorship, the center expanded to one of the

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most heavily funded youth programs in the area.



REV. RALPH RIDEOUT