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Campaign Fund Questioned During Liquor License Vote

By DAN MCCOSH

Paul Fregolle, who came before the Farmington Township Board to make the third try at a liquor license for his "Starboard Tack" restaurant on 13 Mile Rd. and Orchard Lake, found himself on the hot seat being grilled by Trustee Earl Oppert on campaign contributions restaurant backers made to Supervisor Earl Teeple's campaign fund.

After more than an hour of hand wringing debate, the board approved the license request 5-2, with Clerk Floyd Cairns abstaining, and Trustee Frederick Lichtman absent.

Oppert and Trustee

Margaret Schaeffer voted against the license.

OPPERTHAUSER marshalled his charges with a maximum of courtroom-style drama.

The previous meeting, he has succeeded in getting the request for a Class C license tabled after requesting a list of stockholders from the corporation operating the "Starboard Tack" chain.

"Why don't you say what you're getting at?" Teeple asked, but Oppert waited until the list was produced this week to make the charges.

At the first hearing, the request was denied by a 3-3

tie, with Treasurer Thomas Nolan absent.

Oppert referred to Trustee Lichtman's charge at the first hearing for the license, when Lichtman said "undue influence" was used by the backers of the restaurant.

He pointed out that Paul Inman, who had been present with Attorney James Lawson the first time the license came before the board, had contributed \$300 to Teeple's campaign fund "about a week before" the request had come to the board.

"I object to the inference made by the comments," Paul Fregolle said when Oppert referred to the method of selling "as one reason why he was against the license."

In addition, Fregolle had also contributed \$200 to the fund.

FREGOLLE REACTED by saying Inman had no financial interest in the restaurant, and that he and Lawson were both members of Plum Hollow Golf Club who saw the restaurant

as a good thing for the community.

"I've contributed \$300 to McGovern, Kelly, Griffin, Nixon..." he said.

"If you think that exercising my American right..." His voice trailed off emotionally.

"It's deductible," he added. Teeple stepped in and said, "Mr. Fregolle has been a good friend ever since he first came to the township, 15 years ago."

Mr. Lawson is also a close personal friend of mine.

He asked Fregolle: "Did I solicit that money?"

Fregolle said, "No."

"Whether they are a friend or not, I will make a just decision. I will not be swayed by that friendship," Teeple said.

Fregolle defended his right to make a campaign contribution.

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Tots' Campus

No, the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College isn't a nursery school, although you might think so to see the toddlers on campus. They're the offspring of OCC students, and they're having a fine time in the day care center.

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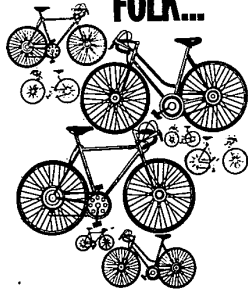
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Farmington's Federal Share Draws Response

The announcement that Farmington Township would receive approximately \$70,000 from the federal revenue-sharing bill now before a joint House-Senate committee was greeted by the Farmington Township board with little comment Monday.

Preliminary figures from U.S. Rep. Martha Griffiths (D-Detroit) indicated what Farmington Township could

expect. "It's more than I expected," said Township Clerk Floyd Cairns, the only board member to comment.

BUT THE announcement that the City of Farmington would get about \$45,000 drew a sharper comment from City Manager Robert Deadman.

"It's really a letdown for small cities," he said. "No one would argue that

the major population centers should get most of the money, but this almost puts us in a position where we have to support the concept only in principle.

"We won't get much money under this proposal."

The figures released are "ballpark figures," according to Mrs. Griffiths' office. The joint House-Senate committee is considering a

plan that would allocate the money under a proposal that includes both "tax effort" and some kind of income measurement.

Oakland County apparently does poorly under the plan.

Plymouth, in Wayne County, a city with a similar size and income level to Farmington, would receive \$100,000 under the plan.

Schoolgirl Is Killed Crossing Grand River

Carolyn Kelly, 6, of 22805 Mayfield, Farmington, was killed Friday as she crossed Grand River Ave. to attend Our Lady of Sorrows Elementary School.

Police said she was crossing Grand River near Maple Rd. with her sister when she darted in front of a car driven by Howard Schwartz, 744 Franklin ridge, Birmingham, who was traveling westbound on Grand River toward Maple.

Police said no charges will be lodged against Schwartz.

SCHOOL AND police officials interviewed by Observer Newspapers said there had never been an accident of this sort in the area.

There is a traffic signal to cross by at Grand River and Power which students are urged to use by the school administration.

Services for Carolyn were Sept. 25 in Our Lady of

Sorrows Catholic Church. Prayers were said at the Thayer funeral home before the services. Officiating was the Rt. Rev. Thomas Beahan. She was buried in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Survivors are: parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kelly; three sisters, Diane, Cheryl Ann and Nancy; a brother, Paul Jr.; grandparents, Mrs. Agnes McPharlin of Dearborn and Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Kelly of Farmington.



CAROLYN KELLY

How Yugoslavian Sees Farmington

By STEVE BARNABY

Ambassadors and diplomats could take a lesson from Tatjana Popovic, a foreign exchange student from Yugoslavia, spending the year with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McIndoe, 2951 Muirland, Farmington Township.

When the McIndoes found the only candidate available in the Youth for Understanding exchange program was from Yugoslavia, they were apprehensive, recalling the taboos they had heard about communist countries. But they took the chance, anyway, and now that Tatjana has been with them for two months, they are anxious to travel to Yugoslavia.

AFTER MEETING Tatjana, 16, a student at North Farmington High School it is easy to see why the McIndoes were put at ease.

She readily talks of the beauty of her country with its

mountains to ski on and lakes in which to swim.

Born in Zagreb, the second largest city in Yugoslavia, with a population of 700,000, she finds very little difference between her homeland and the United States. As is true in many European countries, rumors of what the United States is really like are often exaggerated.

She found the big difference to be in the grading system of the schools.

In Yugoslavia the majority of the grade is based on the oral work, with written tests about once a month.

Tatjana has no difficulty communicating orally, languages being her favorite subject. She has taken English for 10 years and at the present time is tackling German. Coming from a family where both of her parents are doctors, Tatjana plans a medical profession for herself.

WHEN ASKED about politics and dating she said

that students in her country have little time for such activities because of the school work. She did say that the majority of her entertainment was the movies and "spooky stories."

Although adapting to the habits of the United States easily, she found the food to be another story. Game to try just about anything, she found peanut butter the most challenging.

She loves it.

She curled her nose in distaste at the mention of the water. She still isn't used to it, choosing to dilute it with orange juice or some other supplement.

Mrs. McIndoe said that Tatjana has become part of the family. The other day she heard her arguing in the bathroom with her two daughters, Roberja and Kimberly.

It doesn't seem to matter what country, it is, girls will be girls.



TATJANI POPOVIC a foreign exchange student from Yugoslavia, attending North Farmington High School for the year, shows off a ring made in her native country. (Evert photo)