

Certification Delayed

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"My concern is with the integrity of the voting procedure, and I don't think we should have another election until a complete investigation is held on the facts in this case," says Levy.

"The best way to get the facts will be the path I will choose to proceed upon," added Levy. "Whether it be with the canvassing board, attorney general, secretary of state or the courts."

McMillan said he is concerned with Levy's approach to the problem by alleging that either fraud or gross incompetence was responsible for the mixup and corrective action should be taken.

McMillan says he can understand Levy's concern about the voting machines malfunctioning and can understand Levy's disappointment as a candidate.

"That to involve the community's confidence in the election process is another matter. Loose charges are detrimental to the community at large," adds McMillan.

McMillan said that in case of a machine malfunction, election procedures require that an alternative means of voting be provided.

The alternative means were provided when voters were instructed to write in the name of a candidate appearing on the ballot in those cases where the machine did not allow a split vote.

"THE ALTERNATIVE means was supplied," he adds, "and my checks indicate that persons who complained were taken care of."

McMillan said he did not observe any heavy split-

ticket voting patterns for local offices and is satisfied that the votes cast were accurately tallied.

"I am aware of many complaints from voters who were unhappy about having to stand in line for so long," he added, "and have recommended that more voting machines be provided."

McMillan said he has also heard complaints about Democratic candidates appearing inside the voting precincts on election day.

State law provides a candidate can appear inside a polling place only to cast his own vote, he explains, and must restrict campaigning activity to outside the building.

ALDO VAGNOZZI, chairman of the 19th Congressional Democratic organization, says there is little doubt but that the election will be certified.

"What bothered us Friday night was that our questions were not answered as to exactly what happened. Our concern is that the voters have a right to know exactly what happened."

Vagnozzi added that Brennan refused to cite what the law said on two points when asked. Vagnozzi wanted to know what the law said about checking out machines before voting begins and about alternatives provided voters in case a machine is shut down.

SOME OF THE Republican election workers in the audience Friday night, Vagnozzi said, claimed there were not any problems on Nov. 3.

"But we all know there was a problem."

The write-in alternative is not an adequate substitute and was not uniformly suggested, Vagnozzi says.

"There were only four precincts which reported any write-in votes for Stader and Levy."

L. David Stader led the Republican ticket in the trustees race and was followed by Republican Earl Oppenheimer, who beat Levy by 900 votes.

In the primary election, Vagnozzi continued, some voters wanted to write in Earl Teeples name for supervisor on the Democratic ticket but were told it was illegal to write in the name of a candidate whose name appeared on the ballot.

"Voters were confused because they were told in the primary it was illegal to write in a candidate's name when it was printed on the ballot, and then in November they were told to do exactly that."

Vagnozzi says a full-scale investigation into what went wrong with township and city voting machines on election day will be requested this week.

He said he will request that a bipartisan committee conduct such an investigation and a report be given the community.

VAGNOZZI SAYS he decided to ask for such an investigation after failing Friday night to get detailed explanations from township officials on what happened.

"We know that several thousand voters had to use voting machines that did not permit them to vote certain combinations for those offices where two were to be elected."

"What we want to know is why the state law, which requires that the machines be checked prior to the opening of the polls and calls for the filing of a certificate attesting to the correct operation of the machines, was not followed."

"We also want to know

why state law was not followed which requires that faulty machines be taken out of commission until they are fixed and an alternative method of voting, such as paper ballots, be provided.

"We realize that since apparently every machine was set wrong, this would have required a large number of paper ballots. But what bothered us was that no uniform instructions were issued to the election workers."

"We'll never know whether a candidate for township trustee lost his chance for election because of the faulty setting of the machines. But we do know that many voters were deprived of the chance to vote for all the candidates of their choice."

"This amounts to denial of constitutional rights and erodes the people's confidence in our democratic system. Now that the mistake has been made, we should take steps to prevent its happening again."

Vagnozzi said recommendations for meeting such problems in the future and development of a uniform, fair system of handling vote machine failure could be a second area of study by the committee he proposes.

THE COMMITTEE must include representatives from both political parties, he continued, and from such groups as the League of Women Voters, Jaycees and American Association of University Women.

"If an investigation is conducted solely by the township officials who were responsible for the original problem, it will fail to have the credibility it needs to convince the electorate that the findings are factual," Vagnozzi concludes.

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DONATION — The ladies look solemn, but it was a happy occasion the other day when the Farmington Garden Club presented a check to the Farmington Community Center. Receiving the check from club member Mrs. Howard Phillips is Mrs. Alberta Taylor, community center director. (Evert photo)

Begin 3rd Year

Farmington Cub Scouts Pack 111, sponsored by Middle Belt School PTA, recently held its first meeting of the year.

Soulmaster Doug Wellborn welcomed six boys from the pack into Boy Scout Troop 389 at the conclusion of their cubbing.

Over 200 cubs, Webelos and parents marked the pack's third year by welcoming over 20 new boys as Bobcats with 13 boys advancing into the Webelos.

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Cub pack committee chairman Bob Chipman introduced a

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Kenneth Kiurski, a Farmington sophomore at Central Michigan University, has been appointed to the staff of the new CMU student magazine, *Speakeasy*. He is a 1969 graduate of Farmington High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Demeter Kiurski of 3666 Silken Glen.

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