

# School candidates on the stump

Farmington Public Schools' annual school board election will be held from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, June 12.

## AKOURI MEETS

School board candidate John Akouri will meet with Farmington Public Schools' principals and building administrators at a district principal's meeting today in Farmington Hills.

Akouri said he "recognizes that the district's principals have an advantaged perspective of the school system."

Akouri supports greater autonomy for principals and teachers with a track record of success. He

said he would like to see more direct communication between the school board and district teachers and building administrators. He would encourage this via regular meetings with district principals and regular school visits, according to a press release he issued May 31.

Akouri's platform includes greater fiscal responsibility, better definition of goals for student performance, accreditation of all elementary and middle schools, improving the district's weak performance on MCAP and SAT tests, and improved public communications with the board.

## RANNEY'S CARDS

## election '89

Farmington school board candidate Rob Ranney is distributing different voting place cards in each of the district's voting precincts. The cards tell where to vote. Four voting precincts means four sets of cards.

## INCUMBENTS STUMP

Farmington school board candidates John Coton and Helen Ditzhary, each seeking re-election af-

ter one four-year term of service, have put together individualized campaign literature. The literature recounts their community service and education-related credentials.

## ENDORSEMENTS

The Farmington Coordinating Council political action committee, which represents four Michigan Education Association-affiliated unions in the Farmington Public Schools, has endorsed incumbents John Coton and Helen Ditzhary for re-election to the Farmington school board.

The Farmington Area Republican Club has endorsed challenger John Akouri.

## on the agenda

Below are highlights from agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are open to the public.

Farmington City Council  
City Council Chambers  
23600 Liberty  
8 p.m. Monday, June 5

Adjustments to the current year's budget and adoption of budget and tax rate for 1989-90 budget year are slated for action tonight.

The council will also:

- Discuss concerns with traffic along State Street.
- Schedule a special meeting to

interview candidates for the city's new traffic and safety board.

• Hear reports on trash bag purchases, buy of computer equipment and a tax receivable system with Oakland County.

• Consider the resignation of Nancy Krumm from the Farmington Arts Arts Commission.

• Hear a sign variance request from Mobil Oil for the station at Grand River and Drake.

• Consider taking a position on state legislation regarding road salt alternatives.

Farmington Development Authority  
City Council Chambers  
Meeting Room  
23600 Liberty  
8 a.m. Tuesday, June 6

The DDA board will consider using the Michigan Youth Corps program again this year for use on downtown projects. Expanded holiday lighting and the new DDA promotions program would be this year's focus. The board will consider a recommendation of hiring two part-time workers for 20 hours per week for the summer.

The board will also approve payments, hear a treasurer's report and conduct other routine business.

Farmington Board of Education  
Schools Administrative Center  
32500 Silvernace

Tuesday, June 6

6 p.m. — new school groundbreaking

6:30 p.m. — Building and Site Committee meeting

7:30 p.m. — regular meeting

The school board and administration will formally break ground for the district's new elementary school on a site on 11 Mile, just east of Halsted.

During the building and site committee meeting, a subcommittee of the board will discuss developing a building usage policy and will consider a letter from the Farmington Hills Beautilization Commission which has offered to help the district

in landscape planning. An overview report will be given during the regular meeting.

Adoption of the 1989-90 budget and tax rate is slated for action during the regular meeting. Also on the agenda:

• Bid openings for a loading dock at Larshkin Elementary and carpeting for Wood Creek Elementary.

• Bid awards for Phase I of the new elementary school construction including earthwork, site utilities, temporary fencing and concrete curb and gutter.

• Bid awards for remodeling projects at Cloverdale Center, Fairview Early Childhood Center, Harrington and North Farmington high schools, and Warner Middle School. A bid award is also slated for roof work at Farmington High School.

• A report on the district's property tax rate will be given.

• Consideration of sealing Highmeadow Street to the city of Farmington Hills, owned by the district, so the street can be paved.

• Consideration of membership in the Michigan Association of School Boards.

cussion is 7-8 p.m. in the living room of the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills. Plymouth-based Straight Inc., which treats adolescents for chemical addiction, is sponsoring the free event.

## clarification

The Farmington Hills police officer appearing tonight in a panel discussion on the signs and symbols of adolescent drug use is Berlitz Cook. He was wrongly identified in the Observer last Thursday. The dis-

closure is 7-8 p.m. in the living room of the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills. Plymouth-based Straight Inc., which treats adolescents for chemical addiction, is sponsoring the free event.

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# Gill-Cloverdale bond is formed

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Douglas Smith, supervisor/principal for Cloverdale, said he is encouraged by the joint Gill-Cloverdale effort. "This is really a first," he said. "Out of these seminars has come a natural curiosity. The more we can change attitudes . . . the better it will be," she said.

Beth Ballie, resource room teacher at Gill, said the visit to Cloverdale was a natural after students watched a video of Ritsch students and asked many questions about the center. Each video starts with scenes of the Cloverdale playground, specially designed for students with handicaps.

Especially appealing to the Gill students was a slide built into a hill, making it impossible for children to fall off. "They saw that on the tape — they wanted to try it out," Ballie added.

This summer, Cloverdale staff members will travel to Gill for a "Gill R Kids" program. This will be compared with data from a survey done before the videos were shown, showing public attitudes towards handicapped students.

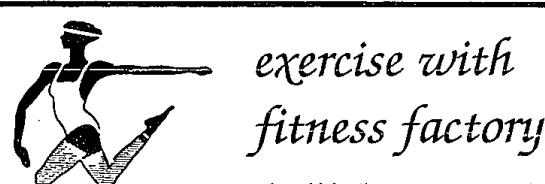
## Last call made for gazebo donations

The Gazebo-Pergola Fund Committee is winding down its effort to raise \$40,000 for the construction of a gazebo and seating area on the north side of Grand River between the Village Commons and Farmington Place.

The group is \$6,000 from its goal. Thirty-five individuals, businesses and community organizations have contributed amounts of at least \$500 and will be permanently acknowledged on the site. Another 25 donors have also made contributions. Through June 15, Potpourri

cafe, at 34637 Grand River, will donate 25 cents from each lunch and 50 cents per dinner served.

Sierra Pines Construction Co. of Farmington has been awarded the contract to build the structure, which includes a 20-foot gazebo flanked by two pergolas (seating areas). Both pergolas will contain benches selected to complement the structure and surrounding area. Four pedestal lights, to match those on Grand River, will be installed in the concrete plaza area on the site.



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## Summer Class Schedule

### Canton

Canton Parks & Recreation (1150 S. Canton Center Rd.)

\*T/Th 9:30 a.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 20 Staff

Low Impact Exercise

\*T/Th 10:30 a.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 20 Staff

High Impact Exercise

\*T/Th 10:30 a.m. 30 hrs/\$60 June 20 Staff

Unlimited/\$60

Canton Recreation Building (44237 Michigan Ave.)

(Fitness After Flyt - Senior Workout)

W 10:00 a.m. 10 hrs/\$10 June 22 Lea

Roseshore Racquet Club (41077 Ford Rd.)

\*M/W/F 9:30 a.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 19 Ely

T/Th 9:30 a.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 20 Carol

M/W 7:00 p.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 19 Sue F.

T/Th 7:00 p.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 20 Kris

Low Impact Exercise

\*T/Th 10:30 a.m. 30 hrs/\$40 June 20 Karen

M/W/F 8:30 a.m. 30 hrs/\$40 June 19 Nancy

Unlimited/\$50

Garden City

(Register through Schoolcraft - 482-4400 x5160)

Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center (1751 Radcliff)

M/W 6:30 a.m. 16 hrs/\$32 May 15 Joannette

Plumwood

1st Presbyterian Church of Plymouth (701 Church, sponsored by Women's Association)

\*M/W 6:30 a.m. 16 hrs/\$32 June 12 Carol

\*W/F 6:30 a.m. 16 hrs/\$32 June 14 Carol

Livonia

Holy Cross Lutheran Church (30650 Six Mile Rd., E. of Merriman)

\*M/W 6:25 a.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 12 Patrice

T/Th 6:25 a.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 13 Chris

M/W 7:30 p.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 12 B.J.

Fat Burner

\*F 9:25 a.m. 8 hrs/\$16 June 15 Patrice

Low Impact Exercise

\*M/W 10:30 a.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 12 Jill

Unlimited/\$60

Schoolcraft College (482-4400 x5160)

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M/W 9:30 a.m. 16 hrs/\$32 May 15 Joanna

T/Th 7:00 p.m. 16 hrs/\$32 May 15 Laura

M/W 7:00 p.m. 16 hrs/\$32 May 15 Staff

Low Impact Exercise

M/W 6:30 a.m. 16 hrs/\$32 May 15 Marge

T/Th 6:30 a.m. 16 hrs/\$32 May 15 Staff

\*Indicates Babysitting Available

### Farmington/Northville/Novi

Farmington (34500 W. Nine Mile Rd., E. of Haggerty)

\*Monday through Friday

Sat. 9:00 a.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 19 Debbie

W 7:00 p.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 19 Jody

T/Th 7:00 p.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 20 Linda

Low Impact Exercise

\*M/W/F 8:30 a.m. 30 hrs/\$55 June 19 Sylvia

M/W 6:00 p.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 19 Sylvia

T/Th 6:00 p.m. 20 hrs/\$40 June 20 Nancy

Unlimited/\$60

Faith Covenant Church (14 Mile and Drake)

Low Impact Exercise

\*M/W/F 9:45 a.m. 8 hrs/\$16 June 12 Pam

M/W/F 6:45 a.m. 12 hrs/\$24 July 10 Pam

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Low Impact Exercise

T/Th 7:00 p.m. 9 hrs/\$18 June 13 Martha

T/Th 7:00 p.m. 10 hrs/\$20 July 18 Martha

Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile Rd.)

PHASE I

9:00 a.m. 16 hrs/\$32 June 5 Roseanne

M/W/Th 7:00 p.m. 16 hrs/\$32 June 5 Carol

24 hrs/\$45

Unlimited/\$50

Low Impact Exercise

\*M/W 10:15 a.m. 10 hrs/\$16 June 5 Natalie

\*T/Th 10:15 a.m. 24 hrs/\$45 June 6 Lynn

M/W/Th 6:00 p.m. 16 hrs/\$32 June 5 Durlene

For Teens (9-12th grade)

T/Th 2:30 p.m. 16 hrs/\$30 June 6 Lisa

PHASE II

9:00 a.m. 8 hrs/\$16 July 31 Roseanne

Staff

Low Impact Exercise

\*M/W/F 10:15 a.m. 16 hrs/\$22 July 31 Natalie

\*T/Th 10:15 a.m. 16 hrs/\$22 July 31 Staff

M/W/F 6:00 p.m. 16 hrs/\$32 July 31 Daron

For Teens (9-12th grade)

T/Th 9:00 a.m. 8 hrs/\$10 August 1 Lisa

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