

Senate hopeful believes in political process

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that my role in life has been to make the world better through the political process.

"It's a gut feeling. It's part of me."

SHE'S RUNNING a tough campaign this fall, backed by big GOP political dollars, in an attempt tooust veteran Sen. Jack Faxon, a Democrat from Farmington Hills. Using a full-time campaign manager, she expects to spend upward of \$150,000 in her effort to win the district. State Republicans have targeted the race; they would like to win the traditionally Democratic district because of several borderline Senate races statewide this year.

Alexander, Faxon and Huntington Woods Libertarian Steve Silver face

off in the Nov. 6 General Election.

As a moderate on social issues, but a conservative on economics, Alexander feels she can appeal to mainstream voters. "I'm well-balanced on the issues," she said. "Most people think that way."

"If you ask someone what they expect from government, it's that they can live comfortably in their house, and that their kids get a good education."

A Birmingham-based attorney who focuses on family law, Alexander shares her life with a husband and stepson, who lives with them part of the time.

When she's not busy campaigning or handling a crisis with a client, she is proud to show off their 1950s ranch house, located in a quiet neighborhood just northeast of the 12

Mile-Telegraph area. The kitchen has been remodeled to accommodate her gourmet cooking hobby, the redecorated living room reflects a more modern flavor and Alexander relishes a natural view in the backyard, which offers plenty of room for their Great Pyrenees dog, Max.

SHE HAS focused in this campaign on education finance issues — which affect most of the schools in the district — and also on tax reform and spending cuts, which she said need immediate attention.

Since the August primary, when she beat out three other contenders, she has "honed and refined" her ideas, she said.

She wants school categorical aid, recently cut from area out-of-formula districts, reinstated. She wants

property tax assessments rolled back from 50 percent of value to 40 percent on a four-year plan. And she wants to review the budget process to cut fat from state programs.

She remains strongly pro-choice on the abortion issue, as she has throughout her life. "I still get asked my views on abortion," she said. "It's being pro- or anti-choice, not pro- or anti-abortion." About pro-life

constituents, she said she has "agreed to disagree" and believes the issue will influence some votes this November.

If elected, Alexander plans to maintain her home in the district and commute, and maintain contact with constituents through personal and public meetings.

District 15 includes the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills,

Southfield, Novi, Wixom, Oak Park, Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak Township, Novi Township and a portion of Northville.

The next profile will focus on Sen. Jack Faxon, the Farmington Hills Democrat who currently holds the 15th District state Senate seat.

Local activists oppose book-banning movement

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"Steinbeck is known to have an anti-business attitude," and Webster's brought a challenge in Pittsgrove Township, New Jersey because of an objectionable definition of sexual intercourse.

OTHER CHALLENGED books have included Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind," Sylvia

Plath's "The Bell Jar," and Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist."

Schmidt said several years ago in Farmington, two area residents came into a library and demanded all books relating to human sexuality be removed from the shelves. There have been other challenges, as well. "Of course, we couldn't do that," Schmidt said.

"All our selections are age-appropriate. You don't go out and buy any-

thing willy-nilly — we do have a selection policy."

Librarians here and across the country follow the American Library Association's "Library Bill of Rights," which contends that "materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval" and "should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation."

LTU hosts architecture series

Lawrence Technological University has announced its 1990-91 Architecture program, the college's ongoing professional lecture series. The schedule is as follows:

• Thursday, Oct. 11: "Geological Architecture" by architect Stanley Saitowitz, 7:30 p.m. at auditorium of LTU College of Architecture and Design.

• Thursday, Nov. 1: "Walls, Windows and other Weaknesses" by architect Lars Lerup, 7:30 p.m. at architecture/design college auditorium.

• Wednesday, Dec. 5: Special

presentation co-sponsored by Detroit Institute of Arts, architect Frank Gehry, 8 p.m. at DIA auditorium. Tickets are required.

• Thursday, Jan. 17: "Strategies for the '90s — Learning from Role Models of Excellence" by management consultant Weld Gore, 7:30 p.m. at the architecture/design college auditorium.

• Thursday, Mar. 7: "Terra Nova" by architect/futurist Lebbeus Woods, 7:30 p.m. at the architecture/design college auditorium.

• Thursday, Mar. 21: "Art, Technology, Science and Technology" by

sculptor/artist Charles Biederson, 8 p.m. at the Detroit Institute of Art auditorium. It is a special presentation co-sponsored by the DIA. Tickets are required.

• Thursday, April 11: "The Future of the Skyscraper — Does It Have One?" by structural engineer William LeMessurier, 7:30 p.m. at the architecture/design college auditorium.

• Thursday, April 25: "My Hand is Responsible" by architect Tod Williams, 7:30 p.m. at the architecture/design college auditorium.

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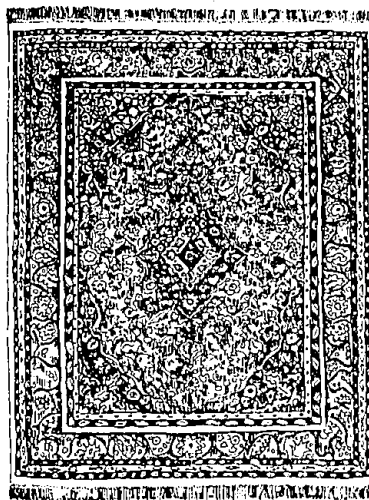
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