

Party preference rules spelled out

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At their conventions, the parties are expected to deliver the names of delegates committed to the presidential candidates, including uncommitted delegates. Voters will be asked to choose one candidate only when given the Democratic or Republican ballot. Both ballots will give voters the option of voting uncommitted. "That tells delegates that there's a number of votes uncommitted and they (delegates) can make the decision for the people," Dorman said. The Democratic ballot will give voters a choice of Edmund G. Brown, Bill Clinton, Tom Harkin, Bob Kerrey, Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr. and Paul E. Tsongas. The Republican ballot will feature Patrick J. Buchanan, George Bush and David Duke.

FARMINGTON Hills voters who are 60 years old and older will automatically get an application to vote absentee in the primary. If you are in this group and already are a declared member of either party, it will be noted. If you have not declared a party preference, you will receive a letter with your application, as well as a party preference form. "If you return the application to us, then we will process it and send out an absentee ballot," Dorman said. Farmington Hills voters who will not automatically be sent an application but want to vote absentee can either call or stop at the city clerk's counter in city hall and pick up an application. A ballot will then be mailed. Farmington voters — of any age — who want to vote absentee may request an application in person or by phone. The city clerk's office will then mail the ballot.

Felon program restricted

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- The volunteers must work only when school is not in session;
- A school employee will open and close buildings;
- The school employee will stay in the building as long as volunteer workers are present;
- Kamish said the program would end if problems continue.
- Right now, workers are painting elementary and middle school classrooms and washing and waxing district buses.
- In the past, they have resodded the football field, painted bleachers, painted Clarenceville High and cleared fence lines for painting.

BURKE SAID the court tightened its own rules when word surfaced of Clarenceville's problems. "Undoubtedly, with any group of individuals of this size and makeup, we are bound to find one or two malcontents," Burke said. "Sometimes

these people can ruin a good program for everyone else. "Over the past three years, this is the first time incidents of such a negative nature have occurred. In the future, we shall endeavor to utilize smaller crews so that we can have closer supervision of the workers. "If the board will consider the many positive results, I am sure they will far outweigh these few negative incidents." Ralph Skrocki, assistant superintendent of finance, has estimated the program has saved the district thousands of dollars in maintenance costs. Workers perform jobs beyond those routinely performed by janitors. Each worker pays \$15 per day to 16th District Court. The money is used to pay for supervisors, equipment and processing costs. The volunteer program began 20 years ago, in part to reduce crowded conditions at the Wayne County Jail.

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THE SYSTEM is expected to cost about \$4,400 per year to operate, with most of the cost going to pay audio and video operators. The cable sound system will eventually be linked to a sound system within the board room, which is expected to help when meetings get crowded and those seated in the back cannot hear well. Upon approving the cablecasting last fall, several trustees said that good sound would be an important aspect of the system.

Trustees were taken through a dry run in the last school board meeting was videotaped. O'Malley said that allowed the tape to be screened for technical difficulties like distracting noises and other annoyances. Board committee meetings — which are open to the public and traditionally held before the regular meeting — will not be cablecast. A special board study session scheduled for tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. to discuss athletic issues. On the regular meeting agenda tomorrow

night will be a report on overall technology advances in the school district, done to tie in with the first cablecast, said director of media services, Peggy Schmidt.

"We're ready," she said of preparations for tomorrow's meeting. "It looks good. The equipment is in and ready to go." Cablecast school board meetings

will not be videotaped, so interested residents will have to tune in on nights school board meetings are scheduled or set their own video recorders.



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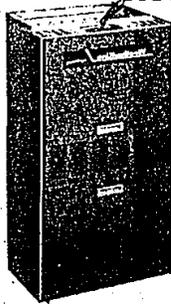
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