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A few jobs were also directed at Citizens for Transportation Safety, which opposes buses picking up kids on main streets. Committee chairwoman and board candidate Susan McKendrick was in attendance when York spoke.

York offers no apologies. "I stand by it," York said. "Non-educational areas we need to streamline as much as possible to protect our program. I value our program."

York has spoken in favor of tax proposals, an increase in '91 which was voted down and the subsequent renewal that passed in February.

He called opposition by Richard Headline and Pat Anderson in the failed 1991 proposal as "mathematically correct, but misrepresenting" the district. Memory of the defeat is lasting.

"I felt like Custer at Little Big Horn," he said. "They (voters opposing it) kept coming in waves... from being involved in a sur-

vey of the community, it wasn't an anti-school vote. It was more of, 'We can't afford to give any more...'"

York gives a lot of time to the school board. He is active in the Parent Advisory Group, Highmeadow PTA and Advocates for Excellence in Education. He's a representative in the Elementary School Community Forum and a member of the district's School of Choice Committee.

Those activities and his job as a manufacturing process engineer allow York to see the "total picture."

Views on finance, violence in the schools, safety and facilities receive in-depth analysis.

York favors bond financing for schools, adding the term should match the investment. A bond issue will be needed, he adds, especially if additional building needs to take place to handle more students.

He stresses, though, schools have to make the most out of what's already there. He cites the district's Secondary Study as a positive step.

Fighting in the schools should be handled on a building level, York said. He doesn't think a rigid districtwide policy is practical.

York added something was amiss during the recent controversy, which resulted from a Farmington High student suffering a closed head injury after being punched.

"We had a very strong student leadership when I was in school," said York, who is 1973 graduate of Birmingham Seaholm. "We looked at the school environment as being our environment. What about the students? Where is their responsibility? Where is their leadership?"

York commends the district's handling of multicultural issues, especially with programs at the elementary level.

"I don't think we have to focus

on special interests," he said. "Any ethnic group that wants to be taught in a public school with in their own culture I would consider a special interest group."

"I think multiculturalism as far as facilitating learning is great. If it prevents or blocks assimilation into a common American culture, I see that as a problem."

When not attending board meetings or school-related functions, York likes to play catch and shoot baskets with his two children, Ben, 11, and Rebecca, 8. He's also an avid chess player, a train hobbyist and an amateur astronomer.

He has both his master's and bachelor's degrees from the University of Michigan. To him, education is serious business.

"Farmington Public Schools has a long history and record of offering a lot of opportunities to people who want to be involved," York said.

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strong leadership, a clear vision and a sense of mission that is shared by all those connected with the school, including faculty, parents and students.

Other criteria includes high-quality teaching and up-to-date curriculum. North Farmington has added 14 classes despite budget cuts as a result of state aid "recapture."

Some new classes include advanced placement courses in physics, English, Tech Prep for Computer Aided Design and medical skills. Also, there are classes offered in Japanese via satellite.

More than 97 percent of the students exceed graduation requirements. The dropout rate is one percent.

Clarke said students and staff alike work together in providing a productive learning environment. Students agree.

Blue Ribbon Schools are judged on strong leadership, a clear vision and a sense of mission that is shared by all those connected with the school, including faculty, parents and students. Other criteria includes high-quality teaching and up-to-date curriculum.

Many kids were quite happy after the announcement. Said senior Adam Faber: "It makes you feel the basic structure of your education was one of the best. All the memories of it will be good ones."

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Fobbs said there is something wrong with a system where a hearing for an \$84 million operating budget lasts only 15 minutes, but a debate over cheerleaders and pom-pom girls lasts over an hour. He was emphatic in echoing discontent.

"You are tired of feeling helpless and having the perception that school board members are out of touch and don't want you involved in the decision making at the table," Fobbs said. "You are tired of being kept in the dark about decisions affecting your children only to be told 'We're sorry, we'll do better next time.'"

Other candidates weren't as critical.

David York and Bobbie Feldman extolled their involvement

and knowledge of the district, and having a grasp on the problems that lie ahead.

Julia Glazer and Kenneth Stein spoke of bringing a new perspective to the board.

Incumbent Helen Ditzhazy had the task of defending the system, but also trying to set herself apart from the rest of the board.

She said her involvement as a professor at Eastern Michigan and her finance background gives her a different perspective on the board.

"I, too, have gone door to door... I hear people that are very positive about our schools, positive about what's happening in Farmington Schools," Ditzhazy said in her closing remarks.

Questions about safety allowed

some candidates to go on the offensive.

Feldman and Ditzhazy noted they have been involved with the district's Safety Committee. Citing her background as a registered nurse, McKendrick called the committee's manual "far from adequate."

Stein pointed out he is the only candidate who has attended Farmington Schools. Fobbs addressed that, as well as those candidates who listed extensive involvement with school committees.

Said Fobbs: "I would have to say just because a person lives here, attended school here and participated in some committees, does that make them the best candidate for the school board?"

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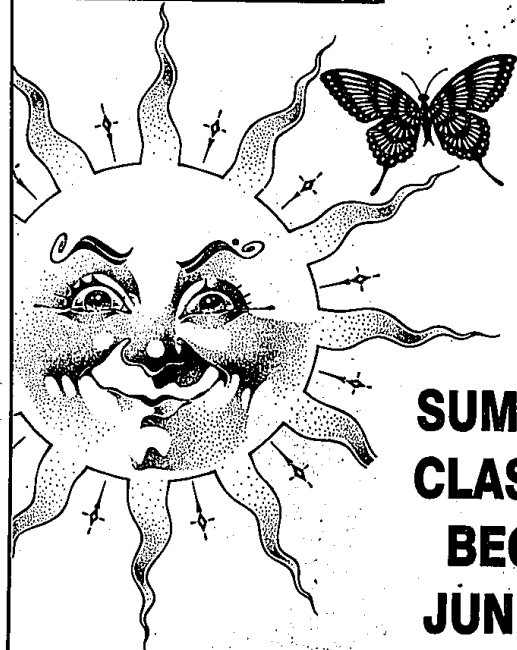
GARDEN CITY	
Olympian Chang Do Kwan (2940 Ford Rd., Middlebelt & Ford Rds.)	10 weeks
1 day per wk \$30 2 days \$49	
T/Th 9:30 A.M. HiLo Impact	June 15 M. Prokop
WAYNE/DEARBORN	
Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church (33445 Warren Rd., S.W. corner of Farmington & Warren Rds.)	10 weeks
1 day per wk \$30 2 days \$49	
M/Th 6:00 P.M. HiLo Impact	June 14 D. Sheehan
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DEARBORN	
907 South Wayne, S. of Cherry Hill	10 weeks
1 day per wk \$30 2 days \$49	
M/Th 6:30 P.M. HiLo Impact	June 21 K. Roberts
SAT 9:00 A.M. HiLo Impact	June 26 K. Roberts
CANTON	
Rosestone Racquetball Courts (41677 Ford Rd., between Lilley & Haggerty)	10 weeks
1 day per wk \$30 2 days \$49	
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20779 Bluff	
W/F 6:00 A.M. HiLo Impact	June 14 K. Upton
T-F 9:30 A.M. STEP	June 14 M. Barstons
T/Th 9:30 A.M. HiLo Impact	June 15 A. Werther
6:00 A.M. STEP	June 15 K. Kaminski
T/Th 6:00 P.M. STEP	June 15 M. Barstons
7:00 P.M. HiLo Impact	June 15 C. McCarthy
* Babysitting \$1.00 per child	
LA DANSE	
(3500 Lilley, S. of Ford Rd.)	10 weeks
1 day per wk \$30 2 days \$49	
M/W 9:30 A.M. HiLo Impact	June 14 S. Campbell
M/W 5:45 P.M. Low Impact	June 14 A. Upton
M/W 7:00 P.M. HiLo Impact	June 14 D. Hornsby
KW 7:00 A.M. HiLo Impact	June 14 P. Gould
T/Th 9:30 A.M. Low Impact	June 15 C. Van Hout
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CHILDREN'S WORLD	
(7437 Sheldon Rd., N. of Warren)	10 weeks
2 day per wk \$30 2 days \$49	
T/Th 6:15 P.M. Low Impact	June 15 M. Curry
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LIVONIA	
Nativity United Church of Christ (9435 W. Chicago, bet. Meridian & Middlebelt)	10 weeks
1 day per wk \$30 2 days \$49	
T/Th 9:30 A.M. HiLo Impact	June 15 R. Rantum
6:30 P.M. HiLo Impact	June 15 L. Prevost
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH	
(20500 Six Mile Rd., E. of Meridian)	10 weeks
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M/W 6:00 P.M. Low Impact	May 17 M. Heathcoat
M/W 7:00 P.M. HiLo Impact	May 17 L. Zaitors
T/Th 4:45 P.M. STEP	May 18 R. Hill
T/Th 5:50 P.M. Low Impact	May 18 L. Reimann
T/Th 6:55 P.M. HiLo Impact	May 18 D. Davis
F 6:00 P.M. STEP	May 21 Zapata/Karavonis
CHILDREN'S WORLD	
(38580 W. 6 Mile Rd., W. of I-275)	10 weeks
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