Very familiar: John Barrett's var-ied jobs at Farmington High prepared him for his next position: school



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ground. He has a passion for high school education. He cares." And he has inside knowledge of what Farmington High School is all about. Except for a 6-year stint as the district's K-12 curriculum coordinator, it's the only

"We've had a great administra-tive team here," said Barrett, stressing that he doesn't foresee any problems with the transi-

tion. "I think we see eye-to-eye on a great many things. I think there'll be continuity."
One of the most-pressing challenges will be the upcoming bond issue construction projects. But Barrett said his duties as assistant principal included being closely involved with architects and contractors while the blueprint for those projects came together.

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consumer affairs believes such a committee ould serve the community, but only if it is done properly. Those involved should be well-vorsed in consumer rights and laws, said Esther Shapire of the Detroit Consumer Affairs Division.

"This is not something for amateurs," Shapire said. If the committee intends to be an informational outlet, there are plenty of agencies that pro-

are plenty of agencies that pro-vide consumer updates, Shapiro said. She also suggests such a committee might consider using

committee might consider using a hotline, newsletter and the media to inform residents.

Shapiro, who is leaving her position with the city of Detroit April 14, pledged her support to the Farmington Hills effort.

"I think every municipality

John Trummer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Trum-mer, Jr., of Farm-ington Hills, earned a Gold A,

While seniors served as inspiration for the committee, its work is not limited to older people, Vognozzi said. Phone slaming, the act where unserupulous long distance carriers switch service to their company without the customer's knowledge, is one devious business trend the committee would inform residents about.

"This phone (slamming) is hitting everyone," Vagnozzi said.

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of commerce. While seniors served as inspi

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1,000 visitors a day; the Farm-ington branch has around 500. Both buildings have been cramped since the 1980s. People should have one of these groups and I'll do whatever I can to help. Shapiro said.
At least one member of the Hills committee will be from the police department, Vagnozzi said. Another might include a representative from the chamber want more books, computer and compact discs and quiet space, according to an area survey.

"Those needs are still there

"Those needs are still there and now they are even greater," said Bob Plummer, Farmington Library Beard president during the Farmington Hills City Council meeting Monday.

Voters turned down previous library bond issues in 1869 and 1993. Library officials are optimistic, citing results of the ongoing community survey where 1,123 respondents said they'd support a bond issue. Another 580 - or 28 percent – are undecided while 392 said they would not be supported by the support a bond issue. Another tsupport a library millage.

Another factor is, unlike previous ballot proposals, this one doesn't involve moving the

doesn't involve moving the Farmington Hills library to a

Farmington Hills library to a new site.

"We learned in 1989 and in 1993 that people like the loca-tion of our Farmington Hills library," said Bev Papai, Farm-ington Community Library director.

Instead, the library building on 12 Mile Road would see a 36,000-square-foot addition built on neighboring city-owned land

while the existing facility will be refurbished. The plan includes 214 now parking spaces to go along with 147 existing spots.

The Hills branch addition is expected to coat \$8.8 million while renovation is estimated \$2.4 million. Another \$1.02 million will be spent refurbishing the Farmingston branch.

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Library officials have five menths to sell the plan to voters.

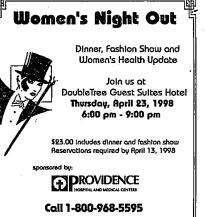
months to sell the plan to voters.
A balled proposal in August
allows for construction to start
sconer and avoid the November
general election, which is expected to include a \$500 million state
environmental bond issue. We
didn't want to go up against
that, Plummer said.
In August, there will likely be
a smaller voter turnout. That
will allow library supporters to
campaign more effectively, they
said.

said.

However, the SMART tax referendum for .3 mills is up for renewal in August and there may be a countywide tax question for emergency 911 services.

Passage of the library bond issue is seen as an emergency, a library supporter said.

"If this keeps up and we can't expand, no matter how much money we raise for books and materials, we're not going to have any place to put the books or the shelves," said Judy Antishin, Friends of the Library board member.



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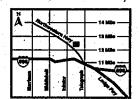
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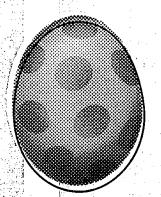
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