

# Blizman eyes District judgeship

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Farmington Hills attorney Paul J. Blizman has announced the formation of a planning committee to enlist supporters and plan an election campaign for the 47th District Court judgeship.

ship.

Voters will elect a new judge to the two-judge court in November 2002, when incumbent Judge Fred Harris retires in December 2002.

Blizman, 61, has been an attorney since 1981. He graduated from the Detroit College of

Law. He is a solo practitioner with a general practice in Farmington Hills.

"I need to evaluate what it will take to win the race, the cost involved and what I need to do," said Blizman of his immediate plans. "I intend to run a rigorous campaign. I intend to walk and talk to the voters."

Blizman has served on several boards and commissions in Farmington Hills since making the community his home in 1974. He has served on the Energy Commission, the Historic District Commission, the Ethics Commission and, for the past 15 years, on the Farmington Hills Planning Commission, including two as chairman.

He said he plans to keep his planning commission position while campaigning, but would vacate the seat if elected judge.

Other community involvement includes serving on the board of the Farmington Area Philharmonic, and he currently serves on the board of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit.

Blizman is also a former president of the Optimist Club of Farmington/Farmington Hills.

"I feel now is the time to combine my knowledge of, and service to, the community with a judicial office that has a long tradition of integrity, responsibility and maturity," Blizman said.

"The Farmington area has been well served by our past judges, Margaret Schaeffer, the late Michael Hand and the current



Paul Blizman

judges, Marla Parker and Fred Harris. The diversity of our community requires an appreciation of that diversity and a continuity of values and service."

Blizman said he believes that he has had to make tough decisions in his law practice to resolve or pursue cases, and has had to make tough decisions during his years on the Farmington Hills Planning Commission.

"I think that the community deserves someone who has experience of living in the community and someone who has been involved with it," he said.

When asked of his odds, Blizman said, "I intend to win." He and his wife, Lee, have one daughter, who is now attending law school.

## Singers plan concert

The Finnish American Singers will hold their annual Christmas Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Finnish Center.

This event has become a tradition of fine music and with desserts, goodies, and sandwiches after the concert. The public is invited to join the fun.

Tickets are available by calling the center, contacting any member of the Singers, or calling Frank Gotberg at (248) 549-4056. Tickets are \$7 for adults and children under 12 are free.

This year, the concert includes a group of the Alfred Burt Carols which originated in this area and first appeared on personal Christmas greeting cards.

Choir director Henry Naasko has selected other carols by Finnish composers for their unique blend of harmony; some will be sung in Finnish. The Finnish Center is located at 35200 West Eight Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

## Broadway comes to CAC

The Christmas Post, a Broadway Christmas musical, will be performed at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills.

The performance will include over 40 community members of all ages, singing and dancing to this live, upbeat musical. The setting for this recreation of American life first immortalized

in the Saturday Evening Post by illustrator Norman Rockwell is inside and outside Herzog's Department Store in Honesboro, Ind., 1941.

The musical is being presented by Harvest Ministries Church in Farmington Hills. For more information contact Pastor David Hutton at (248) 478-1511.

### MILITARY NEWS

Army Private Joshua Reglau has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

Reglau received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army

history and traditions.

During infantry training, he developed basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced using various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Reglau is the son of Michael Reglau of Farmington Hills.

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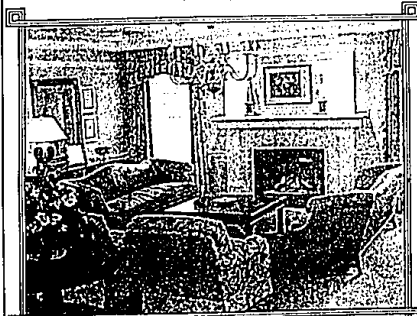
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