New school committee spawns some controversy

sbuck@owhomecomm.net Relieving some expected erowding in elementary schools was the goal of a spe-cial committee formed this year, with principals and parent representatives from each school. "Dis is a new process we tried this year," said Sue Zurvalec, assistant super-intendent for staff and community ser-intendent for staff and community en-tered.

vices. "We've never done one of these before." befo

Following a public forum held Jan. 31, the boundary committee will present its recommendations to the school board at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 19.

The committee met several times to look at ways to reduce expected over-crawding at Becchview, Kenbrook and Longare Elementary schools. But par-ents from other schools have also made they known. Through Andrea Blais inc't the average

their views known. Though Andrea Blair isn't the parent designated to represent Gill Elementary, she has attended meetings and was con-cerned about both the early information flow from the school district and the crite-ria used in selecting the parent represen-tatives tatives.

tatives. "I feel a school which is taking kids on as well as a school which is giving kids up is just as affected," Blair said. "I think the people representing that school should

find out what parents want. I have done that at our school." Biair said all information, including an outline of the process, should be clearly stated and available to more than just the principal and parent representatives. "Maybe it was clear to that principal and delegate buit it wasn't clear to every-one clee," Blair said. Zurvalce said notebooks filled with information were prepared for committee making decisions, you have to let the com-mittee do its work." Therese Davis, the Gill parent repre-sentative, said she came away from a pre-

sentative, said she came away from a pre-vious boundary committee meeting with

"a heavy heart." She feels the district is going above and beyond the call in invit-ing parents to participate. "We're losing sight of just how fortunate

we are to assemble like this," Davis said. "Some school districts wouldn't offer an opportunity for a committee to be formed have representatives from every

She also felt she wasn't being given the chance to demonstrate she is a good par-

entrepresentative. "Trust me and trust Gayle that she picked me," Davis said, referring to Gill





An American Quilt

An American quilt: A group of seventh grade students on Team H20 at Power Middle School have thoughtfully made a quilt to represent All the Beautiful Places in America. Each of the students chose a city and state they identified as the most peaceful place in America.

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Schwarz, she said, is "a very effective legislator. We just did-n't feel he was the person we

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won the endorsement of the Farmington Area Republican Club in his run for governor of

Michigan. The club's 26-member board of directors chose Posthumus "because he is supportive of things that are close to our heart," said club president Linda

"He supports limited govern-

igs that are very important to

ment, low taxes, better educa-tion for our children - these are

"We want our children to be prepared for the future and we

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Popularity of Civic Theatre grows BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

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FLAF WRITEN sbuck Sochomecomm.net Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff says the increase in revenues and atten-dance at the city-owned Civic Theatre is "outstanding." End of 2001 figures of atten-dance and gross rovenue was the best year for the theater, Lauhoff asid. Attendance is defined as the actual ticket price. Gross rev-enue includes the price of the ticket, concession sales and other revenue-generating uses of the theater. This is a credit to M.K.A.'s management of the heater, the Public Scruces Department for their eversight and certainly the residents of the Farmington are and elsewhere who are coming back to the Civic The-atro, some for the first time." This was the second full cal-endar year of operation, he said. "The theater has experienced

said. "The theater has experienced a 25-percent increase in atten-

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dance compared to the year 2000," Lauhoff said. "Patron numbers have grown from 65,721 in 2000 to 82,192 in 2001."

d5.721 in 2000 to 82,192 in 2001." . Attendance from September through December 1999 when the theater went under city wareship was 16,086 with gress revenues of S59,009. "We expect that with these continued revenue numbers the theater will be able to pay its management and operations outset of the reno-vation cests." Lauboff soid. "We did not expect that this would happen until at least the third or fourth year of full operation." The city probably shouldn't ware in attender of full operation. "The total number of patrons whe will use the theater, he said.

who will use the theater, he said. "I hope to see at least a 5-per-cent increase in each of the next two years," Lauhoff said. "If so, the total attendance should surpass 90,000 patrons."



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Republicans back Posthumus for Gov. want them to have jobs. He wanted to support." Of Posthumus, Jolicoeur said, knows you can't tax businesses out of the community." The club has about 340 mem-Jolicoeur said 90 percent live in greater Farmington. She said there was some sup-port expressed for the other

Of Posthumus, Jolicocur said, -He's an outgoing person and he reaches out to people. With the economy the way it is going we're going to need a good nepo-tiator in the next couple of years." -He's dealt with union leaders and school leaders, his record in the senate is very good in terms of dealing with people. He's a good facilitator who has all points of view heard before a solution is brought out." unnounced Republican gubernatorial candidate, state Sen. Joe Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, who had served as U.S. Sen. John McCain's campaign manager during his 2000 run for the Republican presidential nominasolution is brought out."

solution is brought out." Joliceeur said that while the election isn't until November, the board was adamant about making the endorsement early, to show support for Posthumus.



Only elementary school bound-aries are under consideration. The primary plans are:

Beechview, 26840 West-meath — Maintain the Beechview Elementary bound-aries. Lanigan Elementary, 23800 Tuck Road, would become an overflow/companion school for birderwarter, first and second kindergarten, first and second grades. Returning to Beechview or remaining at Lanigan would be a parent choice for those grades. Alameda would be used as an overflow building only if it is available.

Kenbrook, 32130 Bonnet Hill - Maintain current boundaries. The companion school model would be used, if neces-sary, for kindergarten, first and sary, for kindergarten, first a second grades, with Wooddale Elementary, 34275 Oak Forest, as the companion school.

■ Longacre Elementary, 34850 ■ Longare Elementary, 34800 Arundel — Move students who live at Muirwood to Gill Elemen-tary, 21195 Gill Road, and "grandfather" fifth graders, leav-ing them where they arc. This was the most supported proposal by committee members who also called it the most efficient is called it the most efficient.

Other Longacre proposals were considered and may be pre-sented as background informa-tion at the forum.

Dentist

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The case against him opened Dec. 10, when Farmington Hills police responded to the alleged victim's 911 call. She told police she was being held by Quinn against her will. The woman told police she ini-

the woman to a poince she ini-tially had consensual sex with the dentist. Subsequently, she charged, he gave her daily injec-tions of an unidentified medica-

tions of an undertriked interfac-tion. She told polics that once, he struck her and threw her to the ground when she tried to leave his apartment. She maintained that at least 10 times, Quinn took her late at night to his den-

took her late at night to his den-tal office where he would inject her with a needle, and she would later wake up naked. While police cautioned Quinn not to contact the woman, the Oakland prosecutor's office said he called her twice on the phone and sent her an e-mail. The misdemeanor stalking here on the former of the same of

charge carries a sentence of up to a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

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