

Vagnozzi Won't Run Again; Filing Deadline In 2 Weeks

By DAN McCOSH

Aldo Vagnozzi, outspoken leader of the liberal faction on the Farmington school board, announced Tuesday he would not seek re-election to the board.

His announcement left at least one seat wide open on the board for the coming election June 11. Filing deadline for two seats currently held by Board President Kenneth Perrin and Vagnozzi is May 15.

"It's time to take a rest, time for some new people," Vagnozzi said. "I've spent more than 12 years in school-related activities."

Elected in 1969 to his first and only term, he quickly gained a reputation for championing progressive causes on the board.

He called the adoption of the "family life program" one of the highlights of his career on the board, particularly the beating back of an attempted recall of board members supporting the program.

"I was pleased the way the community rallied then," he said, calling it a victory over the John Birch Society "and other anti-education groups trying to take over the school system."

He added he felt progress

had been made in the areas he campaigned on four years ago.

These included: improved staff relations; increased citizen participation; and better student-board relations.

He said he remained irate over the way the superintendent was let go. "Then he added, 'I have faith in Marinus Van Ameyde — there is stability at the top, and he has made good appointments.'"

His confidence in the current administration made it an opportune time to leave, he said.

What was the low point in his career?

"Quite frankly, this year," he said.

He mentioned frequent confrontations with Perrin over the past superintendent's resignation, open meetings and the meeting format.

"I'd like to see two new board members," he added.

Tongue-in-cheek, he concluded, "There is no connection at all between this and Watergate."

"The timing is coincidental," he said.

Betty's Tops

Observer readers will be glad to know that when they read gardening tips from our Betty Frankel they're getting the best ones in the nation. Betty has a brand new national award, and we couldn't be more proud of her. The story is in Observing Life.

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Graduation Day

Three colleges in the area awarded nearly 1,500 degrees. Our writers and photographers captured the events at Schoolcraft, Madonna and Oakland Community College.

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Council Candidates

A summary of the 19 candidates for council in the proposed City of Farmington Hills is in today's Enterprise and Observer.

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Trash Pickup

The Township spring trash pickup is upon us. Start cleaning out the attic, and put out that old refrigerator. For a map and schedule of the routes the men will follow, see:

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For Mother's Day?

The Farmington Players' spring production is an outstanding one, and we'd recommend taking mother out to see it between now and Mother's Day. Leave the kids home, though.

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BISHOP JOSEPH IMEREK greeted Mr and Mrs. Richard Abowd at the reception held recently for him at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Parish Hall by the altar society. The church held the recep-

tion in honor of the recent elevation of Bishop Imerek from his post as pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows parish. (Photo by Ralph Evert)

Help Wanted For Dystrophy

Volunteers are being recruited for the Farmington Muscular Dystrophy March Against Time to be held Tuesday, June 5.

Chairman for the Southeast Farmington area is Mrs. Elizabeth Gruits, 23071 Tular, and for the West Farmington area, Mrs. Carl Gaiser, 26333 Old Homestead Court.

Mrs. Gruits has two nephews who are muscular dystrophy patients.

The two women are now recruiting volunteers to serve as area leaders, who in turn will recruit district leaders. The district leaders will recruit marchers.

Muscular dystrophy is a chronic disease whose victims

become progressively weakened until confined to a wheelchair and eventually bed where frequently they succumb to an otherwise mild ailment which proves fatal. There is no known cure.

Funds collected in the yearly march and the Jerry Lewis muscular dystrophy telethon are used for treatment centers, equipment needed by patients, camps and other recreational programs, research, and a full range of medical supervision and hospital care as needed.

Those interested in volunteering to help with the march should contact Mrs. Gruits or Mrs. Gaiser.

Girl Scouts Singing Raises Funds

By JAN WILLIAMS

Girl Scouts from Troop 372 of Farmington didn't have to sing for their supper, but they did sing for bread of a different kind.

As a result, their troop leader, Robert Keplinger,

managed to win two birds with one stone.

It all started when E.W. Baker Advertising, where Keplinger works, decided they needed a "young sound" for a Sanders radio commercial. Baker handles the Fred Sanders Co. account.

Keplinger was asked his

opinion since he at one time taught vocal music. But at the time he couldn't come up with anything.

Meanwhile, he faced a problem of a different nature. His girl scout troop needed money to finance a trip to Niagara Falls next month.

While driving home from work with both these problems on his mind, he put two and two together. Why not use the troop as the choral background for the commercial?

So he rounded up troop members Cindy May, Virginia Schaeffer, Diane Crane,

Kathy Zwiers, Kathy Schaffer, Lori Eidt, Heidi Hans, Judy Jagtelky, Laurie Keplinger, Lynne Leech, Judy Siam, Lynn McAllister, Lori Hannah, Lori Glatfelter, Janice Jagtelky, and Barbara Harding, all of Farmington. They went down to the Road Company, a recording

company in Royal Oak, tried out for the commercial and sounded so good they got the job.

The commercial is now being played on all local radio stations. And with the money earned, the troop will be taking a one-day trip to Niagara Falls in May.

Cairns Maintains Charter Support

Farmington Township Clerk Floyd Cairns says he

supports the proposed charter for the City of Farmington Hills although he is not running for council.

Debate Cancelled

Plans for a debate between pro and anti-charter forces were cancelled Tuesday when the two groups could not agree on a debate format.

The "Citizens for Better Government," a group formed to oppose the adoption of a charter for the proposed city of Farmington Hills, and representatives from the charter commission had challenged each other to a debate Thursday, May 3, at Harrison High.

David Goldman, member of the five-man steering committee for the CBG, said his group will still hold a public meeting at that time.

The debate was cancelled when Charter Commission Chairman Robert McConnell insisted on allowing questions from the audience after the debate. Goldman refused.

"I have an interest in the administrative portion of our government and may be asked by the future council to take an active part in it," he said.

"I believe the time is now for us to become a city," he added, explaining, some residents had been interpreting his not running for the council as lack of support for the charter.

"I was a member of the charter commission and believe the charter is one of the best designed for the area."

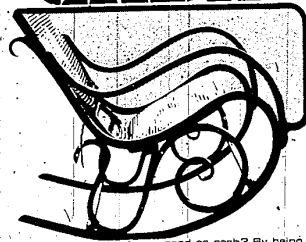
"The people of Farmington Township have the opportunity now to act in such a way Farmington will remain as desired, with protection for boundaries from future fragmentation and the orderly growth of the new city without constant attempts at annexation."



FREE TREES--Mary Johnston, (right), chairman of a free-trees-for-paper project May 5-6, admits the pine seedlings take three years to grow as big as the one she is holding with Dawn Johnston. A seedling will be traded for a bundle of

papers at the Earth Alive papermobile at Dunkel Junior High, 32800 12 Mile Rd. The group is giving away 1,100 seedlings between noon and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. (Evert photo)

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