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Cluster Surgery

The controversial cluster housing ordinance enacted by the City of Farmington is undergoing changes. The ordinance has undergone minor surgery by planners in an attempt to remove body failures and the "new body" of the ordinance will be shown to the public on June 5.

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Prone To Math

The new math has an unusual twist at 10 Mile Elementary School in Farmington. Pupils are working out math problems on a roll of paper while lying prone on the floor. The students reportedly enjoy the change even though it's gotten them down.

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Pools Needed

Swimming is in the news as the Farmington Area YMCA issues an appeal for homeowners to donate use of their pools for its Backyard Swimming program and Harrison High School prepares for its May 20 water show in its pool.

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Incorporation Winning

In their most important election in history, Farmington Township voters were giving strong support to a proposal to incorporate their 32 square miles as the City of Farmington Hills.

With 15 of 18 precincts reporting, 6,353 votes were cast in favor of home rule city status and 4,962 against. The favorable margin was 1,391 votes or 56 per cent of the total. It appeared the last three precincts couldn't possibly reverse the trend.

Township voters were also electing nine members of a charter commission to write a charter for the new city.

With seven precincts reporting, eight candidates appeared to have a strong probability of victory. They were Earl Teeple, township supervisor; Fred Lichtman, a township trustee; Robert McConnell, a promoter of cityhood; Ed-

ward R. Miller; Floyd Cairns, township clerk; Fred Fairfield, a cityhood backer; Robert Clark, an auditor; and Joan Dudley.

Three persons appearing to have a good crack at the ninth seat were Richard Frankel, former school board trustee; Joseph T. Brennan, township attorney; and William Hatton, road proponent and critic of township hall.

It was something of a drop for Brennan, who led the ticket the last time incorporation was (unsuccessfully) on the ballot.

Two anti-busing proposals on the township ballot were winning 5-1 approval, according to early returns. Both advisory, one would back President Nixon's proposed court moratorium on busing and the other would favor amending the U.S. Constitution to prohibit cross-district busing of school children to achieve racial balance.

Township returns lagged behind the city's

because of the three local questions and the 41 charter commission candidates on the township ballot.

Early returns in the Democratic presidential primary (with city and township votes combined) gave Gov. George Wallace of Alabama an overwhelming lead over Sen. George McGovern of South Dakota.

Wallace had 3,274 votes to McGovern's 1,591.

President Richard Nixon, with only token opposition in the Republican primary, had 1,876 votes. Farmington, normally Republican, thus gave an indication of a heavy Republican crossover into the Democratic column to support Wallace.

State Proposal A was getting 6-1 favorable support among both city and township voters. It would amend the state constitution to allow the Legislature to adopt a lottery law.

In the city alone, Proposal A won 2,665 to 563 support.

Proposal B appeared slightly ahead in the township and got 1,626 to 1,524 support in the city. If approved, it would amend the state constitution to allow legislators to run for, or be appointed to, other offices before their legislative terms ended.

Placed on the ballot by the Legislature itself, Proposal B was pushed by some lawmakers who wanted to run for judicial vacancies prior to the time their legislative terms ended.

14 Seek 2 Bd. Seats

Fourteen candidates filed by Monday's deadline for two positions on the Farmington Board of Education to be filled at the June 12 election.

The fact there are seven candidates vying for each of the two seats may encourage two or three candidates to drop out of the race before the withdrawal deadline.

Candidates who filed have until tomorrow (Thursday) to ask that their nominating petitions be withdrawn. Otherwise, their names will appear on the June 12 ballot regardless of any subsequent change of mind.

THE SOLE incumbent to file for re-election was Dr. Mervyn Ross, MD, who was appointed to fill the remaining one-year term of Gary Lichtman who resigned from the board.

Richard Peters, board president and school trustee for 12 years, had already announced he would not seek re-election.

As anticipated, Bruce E. Duke of 28415 Inkster, filed nominating petitions for school board. Duke is an avowed member of the John Birch Society and an Oakland County leader of that society's ad hoc committee, MOTOREDE.

Duke, who attends each board meeting equipped with tape recorder and microphone, spoke up at the last board meeting calling for a reduction in existing school millage by limiting programs to the three "Rs" and sports.

He also advised that the district should transfer monies from its building and site funds to operational funds, a move clearly illegal by state law and voted mandate of the people.

Also filing was David V. Gayner, of 32118 Hull, who joined Duke and Mrs. Mary Kenney in the anti-sex education drive two years ago. Gayner was a leader in the abortive attempt to recall four members of the school board for approving a sex education curriculum program recommended by the citizens committee, Family Life Education.

Albert A. Darian of 24605 Glen Orchard Dr., another candidate, unsuccessfully ran for school board last June which saw Mrs. Elizabeth

Brennan elected with Ross as runner-up.

Darian recently made news by complaining of large groups of students loitering and causing disturbances behind Farmington Junior High which resulted in the City of Farmington enacting an ordinance to control crowds on school property.

AN UNDER-21 candidate filing was Jack Mingo, a North Farmington High School graduate who is now attending Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. Mingo was editor of the "Northern Star," student newspaper, while attending North and is now active in the Farmington Area Advisory Council anti-drug abuse programs.

Paul T. Oliver Jr., an attorney living at 27107 Sky Dr. West, also filed for trustee. Oliver was one of the 41 candidates seeking election to the charter commission in yesterday's Farmington Township incorporation election.

An early filer was William R. Corliss of 23440 Wilmarth. Corliss has owned a contracting firm in Farmington for the past seven years and has six years experience in labor negotiations for management.

Another candidate is Kenneth J. Guion of 25771 Kilreigh, Guion is an associate with the architectural and engineering firm of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates and heads its data processing department.

David M. Jones of 24758 Roosevelt Ct., Apt. 365, also filed early for school board. His name is not to be confused with David L. Jones who is director of public services for the City of Farmington.

Other candidates include Alan H. Case of 25086 Philton Ct., Fred W. Hughes of 30254 Oak Valley Dr., G. Kenneth Poye of 7347 Coach Lane, George V. Strelczak of 21269 Birchwood and Joe T. Fowlkes of 21875 S. Brandon.

Duke, who fought against the last three millage attempts through his MOTOREDE organization, is a local contractor who has a brother George, also a builder, and brother Thomas, a land developer, who are both well known in the Farmington area.



HONOR HANNAN -- Charles D. Hannan (right), architect and artist from Farmington, will be the first person to be honored by the Arts and Crafts Guild of the Farmington Community Center. The center will hold an exhibit of Hannan's work May 20-23 in the Center at 24705 Farmington Rd. Mrs. Hope Nahstoll looks at

one of Hannan's work while they discuss the champagne preview for Saturday, May 20, from 8-10 p.m. in the center. Hannan designed Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington and worked on building replicas for Greenfield Village. (Evert photo)



MEMORIAL DEDICATED -- A landscaped inner courtyard at Farmington High School was dedicated May 13 in memory of Duane Brewington, who would have graduated this spring had he not been killed in an unfortunate accident at his home last spring. Many volunteers worked months to plant hundreds of flowers, shrubs and trees and construct the woodchip

pathway for the memorial. Saturday, a special bronze plaque embedded in a large, dark-grey field stone was unveiled. From left are: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brewington of 23444 Sans Souci, Farmington; Andy Abid, FHS Student Council president; and Kenneth Peirin, Farmington Board of Education vice-president. (Evert photo)

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