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BLOOMFIELD TWP.: Board of Trustees member sought

Bloomfield Township is looking for a new Board of Trustees member following the Monday resignation of longtime board member Sherry Stefanos.

Stefanos has been a member of the board since 1995. She said she is stepping down effective Jan. 1 because she will be busy with a new job with Jewish Vocational Services.

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Stefanos' term ends in November 2008. Any township resident interested in being appointed to finish Stefanos' term should request an application packet from the township supervisor's office, 4200 Telegraph. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

The deadline to turn in applications is Dec. 17.

SOUTHFIELD: Judge denies motion to dismiss Fieger indictment

A federal judge denied a motion to dismiss an indictment for making illegal campaign contributions against attorneys Geoffrey Fieger and Vernon Johnson, a partner in Fieger's Southfield law firm.

Fieger is accused of illegally recruiting and reimbursing employees, their children and vendors for contributing \$127,000 to John Edwards' 2004 presidential campaign.

Johnson and Fieger wanted the indictment dismissed, arguing individual limits on campaign contributions violate the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and arguing that laws forbidding corporate campaign contributions are "overbroad and vague."

Fieger's and Johnson's motion to dismiss the indictment for selective and vindictive prosecution is pending. The trial is set for Jan. 15.

FERNDALE: Council OKs \$30,000 for Woodward sculpture

Members of the Ferndale City Council voted 4-1 Monday to approve \$30,000 in city spending for a 30-foot-tall illuminated pillar to be placed along Woodward Avenue.

It's to be the first in a series of towerlike, glass and concrete sculptures -- called tributes -- which the nonprofit Woodward Avenue Action Association hopes to place up and down Woodward to boost shopping and tourism.

Heather Carmona, executive director of the association, told council members that most of the estimated

\$167,000 cost of Ferndale's tribute will be paid through federal grants, and that she did not expect that other cities would have to pay for their tributes because by then the cost would come down.

The design is still under consideration.

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