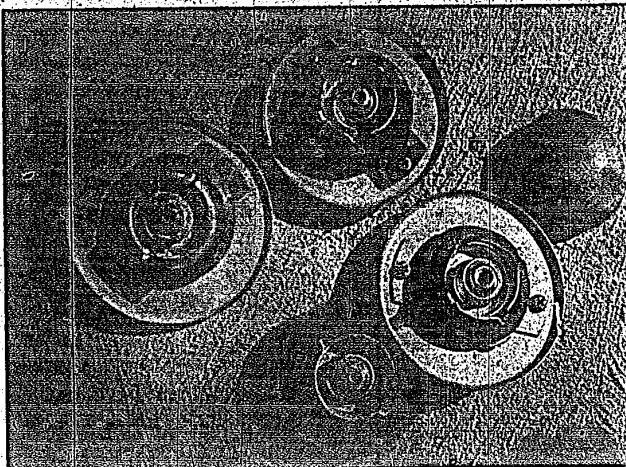




Dan Howsli, 14, of Farmington pumps gas while his mother waits in the family car.



Lose something?

These strange looking objects are a common but sometimes forgotten automotive item. Motorists who patronize self-serve gas

stations are often too eager to pay and leave. They forget to replace their gas caps. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)



Motorists who pump their own gas get a friendly smile from David Gordon.

Band sets try outs for teen musicians

Auditions for high school musicians interested in the Farmington Community Band can audition at 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at Harrison High School. The band has scheduled six concerts for

the winter season, beginning Oct. 7. Rehearsals begin Sept. 14. Adults who are interested in joining the band don't have to audition.

It's the people's choice for 'Y' schedule of events

The Farmington YMCA begins its season of fall classes on Sept. 18. There will be a variety of special interest classes for adults and children plus many sessions for all ages and all degrees of skill.

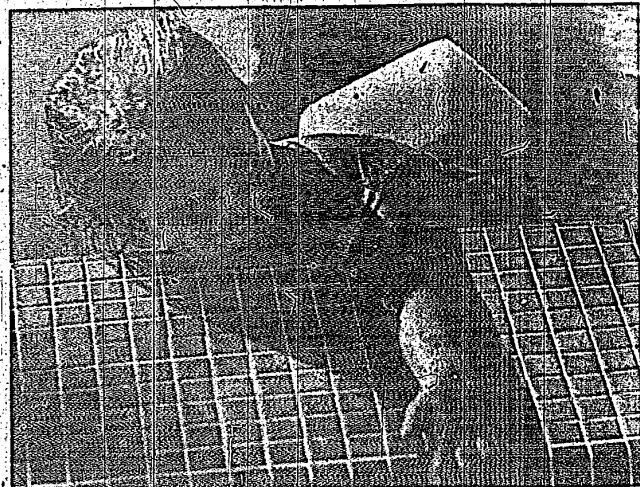
Some of the special interest ones are: women's fitness; folk guitar; belly dancing; ballet for pre-school through adult; crocheting; craft classes such as knitting, crocheting, weaving, needlepoint and carving; ice skating for pre-school through adult; the fun club for elementary school children; swimming; tennis; judo; wrestling; gymnastics; Viking Club and horseback riding.

The classes will be held in several different locations, but not all will be in all locations. Women's fitness will be offered in Nori on Wednesday evenings and at Merry Center in Farmington Hills on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. and Wednesdays 6-7:15 p.m. The fitness class will also be given at the Sara Fisher Labaree Hall Mondays and Wednesdays 12 p.m. Folk guitar will be given at the YM building on Farmington just north of Twelve Mile on Monday evenings and in Nori on Wednesday evenings. Yoga will be given in both Farmington and Nori and ice skating will be taught at

the Nori and the new Centaur Farms rink. Swim classes are scheduled at Merry Center and North Farmington High School pools.

Former Garden City High School coach, Joseph Cooke joins the YM swim staff this fall and will teach adult swim classes and a new class, competitive techniques. Try-outs for new members of the YM swim team, "Farmington Flyers," will be held Sept. 18 at Merry Center, at 1:30 p.m.

For a complete schedule of all classes, contact the YMCA, 674-3222.



Trying hard

Tara Luzod of Farmington Hills is among those young persons learning how to swim. To see how the young children fare in the pool,

turn to the sports section of today's Observer & Eclectic. (Staff photo by Tom Baer)

Fill'er up Self service tries drivers' nerves

By CORINNE ABART

Want to save a nickel on every gallon of gas? If you do, then better learn to pump your own.

The price of regular at the Speedway station at Eight Mile and Farmington was 52 cents last week. This compared favorably to an average of 53 cents for regular at other area stations.

David Gordon of Livonia, who monitors the action at the Speedway pumps from a video screen in the pay booth, says not all motorists are natural do-it-yourself gas pumpers.

"A LOT OF CUSTOMERS think that when they throw the lever to on the price per gallon ought to clear along with the price of the previous sale and the number of gallons in the purchase.

When the price per gallon doesn't clear they will start twisting screws on the side that don't have anything to do with anything or a lot of them will start kicking the pump.

Gordon, who will be a freshman at Schoolcraft College this fall, admitted with just a trace of a smile that many of the customers are women.

'The women know more than the men when it comes to pumping gas. They take their time and they do it better.'

—David Gordon

"The women know more than men when it comes to pumping gas," he said. "They take their time and they do it better."

Even though the instructions are clearly printed on the side of the pump, many customers come to Gordon for help. He recalls the man who started to back out with the pump still in his gas tank. He has

enough gas caps left behind to testify that more than a few persons are absent-minded.

THE VIDEO SCREEN SHOWS which pumps are in use, the number of gallons and the total sale, so when the customer comes up to the window with his money, Gordon is ready for him.

Gordon says most people are honest and a great many have the correct change. This is a cash only deal.

Gordon estimates that on weekends sales run to 6,000-7,000 gallons a day and somewhat less during the week.

Gordon has been on the job watching the screen since the station opened about two months ago. He says it's been a good job for a model-builder like himself.

In the quiet moments when the screen was blank, he completed his model of the United States Pacific fleet.

Gordon said, "Some of the guys sit here and listen to rock music, some may read comic books. I built the Pacific fleet."

And, of course, he tended to business in the booth and had a few laughs besides—not all of them at the expense of the opposite sex.



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