Regarding life across the river in another country

As a kid, I used to look at the outskirts of Windsor off across the mile-wide Detroit River and know that people there were in a different country.

I was fresh from reading "Huckleberry Finn," and the scene had heavy romantic overtones for me — the wide river, the islands, and especially the idea of a whole nation of foreigners so close by, Even Huck didn't have that.

When I was six or seven years old the family went to Canada for an aftermoon. We stopped for a hamburger with
Canadian relish on it. I liked it. We
stopped at a Canadian fish store and a
huge Canadian fish was stretched out
on a bed of crushed Canadian ice, still gasping Canadian air. That was some-thing.

Ontario, too, a sure sign to me of a civilized and sensible country. Their money came in different colors, and was more interesting because of it.

It was 10 years later before I began making regular trips to Windsor, and in the meantime some serious changes were made in international relations.

You could buy firecrackers legally in early '70s had to do with drinking

Canadian beer. In Canada, the drinking age was 18. In Michigan it was 21, if you happened to be both 21 and in Michigan, as opposed to being both 21 and in Saigon. Given the circumstances, the \$1.50 bridge toll was a bargain.

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When I was six or seven and babbled out loud in a Windsor restaurant about Canadian relish on my bamburger, the waitresses got a big kick out of it. When I was 18 and kept my mouth shut as I passed over two American dimes to earther a clare of boat the bartender. as I passed over two American united to pay for a glass of beer, the bartender asked me why the U.S. didn't get out of Vietnam. Ay?

I told him I'd ask around and get

I told him it is pass with back to him.

In the meantime, Canada had been gripped by a wave of xenophobic panic, with the most hated and feared foreigners being the closest foreigners. Name-

ers being the closus intragence in the ly, us. When Canadian diplomats spirited six American embassy employees out of Iran using forged passports, millions of Americans decided that Canadians, even Joe Clark, were great. My favorite upshot of the rescue was a classified ad in a Detroit daily. "At-

tention American Foxes," it read. "Shy group of Canadian men would like to be thanked personally." It gave a Windson address.

But that's neither here nor there. What I wanted to talk about were the changes in Canadia Imentioned earlier. FRIGHTENED that American Work of the control of the c

spoke to believed, was downright dumb. Clark got turned out by Canadian

tark got turned out by Canadian voters last week.

The diplomats who risked their lives to save U.S. embassy employees from an uncertain fate are to be thanked, of

But if you think their attitude mir-rors that of the Canadian public, then God help you if you ever have occasion to offer two American dimes to a Wind-

Adult swim lessons offered at North

The Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation division is offering swim classes for persons 18 years and older. Registration will be March 15, from 10 a.m. to noon at North Farmington High School, 32900 Thirteen Mile. Lessons will begin on March 24 and continue through May 12. They will be Monday evenings from 8:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. cost is \$12. Lessons are for beginners and advanced swimmers.

Primary sparks optimism

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"I THINK our economic policies are disastrous," said Kennedy's local cam-paign coordinator, Aldo Vagnozzi of Farmington Hills.

paign coordinator, Aldo Vagnozzi of Farmington Huills. Buch of Kennedy's potential support is waiting in the wings, according to Vagnozzi.

"There's some uneasiness over supporting Carter but people are not ready support Kennedy's be said. While he expected much of Kennedy's potential supporters to continue their deliberation, Vagnozzi used a Boston Globe poll to suggest that some of the candidate's supporters were ready to take center stage. He criticized Carter's refusal to debate Kennedy as cheating the voters of a chance to see the issues discussed and dissected.

Among the Republicans left in the take of Reagan's surprise sweep were

The American Cancer Society's independent business campaign will be conducted in Farmington and Farmington Hills now through March.

Local business persons are soliciting financial support from the businesses in these communities. The drive is co-chaired by Sue Harrington and Anita Garnett of Manufacturers Bank.

Business campaigns

for Cancer Society

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Sen. Howard Baker and Sen. John Anderson.
Anderson doesn't have a representative in Mitchigan but Baker's Wayne County chairman, Don Foshey of Derivit, theve in a watchful nole among the pre-primary pleuhora of optimism. "With the amount of press overage for Bash and Reagan and the perception publicly of them as front runner, I don't think that he will do much better," Foshey said.

If Baker decides his vote getting ability in New Hampshire is indicative of his chances for the presidential nomination, Foshey thinks his candidate may "fold his tents and take the opportunity to get out."

WITH THE New Hampshire vote tal-lied, Baker came in third on the Repub-lican side with 14,086. He beat out An-

The Society is directing its efforts at introducing health education programs into Farmington's elementary and secondary school.

The American Cancer Society's annual fund-raising goal for metro Detroit is \$925,000. Of this, \$468,000 is projected to be raised in Oakland County.

derson who languished in fourth place with 11,825.

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Frontrunner Reagan steamrolled his nearest Republican competitor, Bush by collecting 57,398 votes to Bush's 24,651. Pre-primary predictions had Bush and Reagan vying closely for first place.

On the Democrat side of the prima-ry, Carter picked up 53,586 votes to Kennedy's 41,450. Jerry Brown brought up the rear with 10,727.



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