

Piechura wins press club prize

Observer & Eccentric reporter Craig Piechura tied for first place in the opinion writing category at Monday night's 15th Annual Detroit Press Club Foundation's awards dinner.

Piechura's column of Nov. 29, 1979, in the Southfield Eccentric, entitled "Out of the institutions," shared top professional honors in editorial compe-

tition with Betty DeRamus of the Detroit Free Press.

The column by Piechura dealt with his family's efforts to place his older brother, Paul, in a residential home for the retarded.

The same week that Piechura's brother moved into a group home for the retarded in West Bloomfield, another

Hills posts agenda

Following is the preliminary agenda for the Farmington Hills City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. May 12 at city hall, Orchard Lake Road and 11 Mile.

• Public hearing on Cora Street (neccesity) resolution 1.

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• Notice of intent to issue bonds for Cora Street water, resolution 6.

• Consideration of amendatory ordinance C-62-203 (ZR 3-80). From RA-3 to B-3 and P-1. Location 28835 W. Eight Mile between Roosevelt and Pearl.

• Consideration of amendatory ordinance C-62-204 (ZR 4-80). From RA-4 to SP-2 or RC-3. Location lots 559 through 575; 659 through 662 of Grand River Crest II and acreage at 21225 St. Francis.

• Consideration of amendatory ordinance C-62-205 (ZR 5-80). From RA-1 to LI-1. Location 8.6 acres on west side of Halstead, between Howard and 12 Mile.

• Consideration of resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings for certain lots in the Old Homestead Sanitary Sewer District.

• Consideration of establishing a special assessment district (sewer improvement) for Omenwood, Middlebell to westerly terminus of Omenwood.

• Presentation of cemetery markers to the council by the historical commission.

• Consideration of request for final preliminary plat approval for Farmington Place Subdivision in Section 9, 91 lots, 12.30 acres of open space. Easements set at \$17,500 and completion by 9/30/82.

• Consideration of resolution requesting Wapce County Road Commission to accommodate the city of Farmington Hills by honoring Oakland County Road Commission policies of allowing minor storm drainage to enter into right-of-way of adjacent properties.

• Consideration of agreement with Farmington Ridge Homeowners Assoc-

er home in Troy that was being converted for similar use was burned by an arsonist. The day after the blaze someone called the newspaper to say, "This is what'll happen every time those people try to move into Troy."

In the column, Piechura wrote:

"Some normal people would rather not have to confront the retarded."

cation for entranceway sign in the public right-of-way.

• Consideration of request from the Jewish Community Center for permission to use Drake Road between 13 and 14 Mile and Halsted on May 18 for their third annual "Chai" long distance run.

• Status report of the 1980 dust control program.

• City manager recommends fee change schedule for utility permits, residential improvement permits and soil erosion permits.

• Status report of open space subdivisions.

• Recommendation for awarding bid for the 1980 annual weed cutting program.

• Recommendation for awarding bid to the DPW division supplies for U-channel sign posts, tubular street sign posts, and corrugated pipe culverts.

• Consideration of amendment to section 80-630 trespass ordinance C-2-30.

bothers them to see these imperfect people walking down the sidewalk. It's so much easier to offer pity to unseen unfortunate warehoused in institutions. It's too unsettling to think that the retarded might want, let alone deserve, something better."

Press Club Foundation President Frank Angelo, associate executive editor of the Detroit Free Press, explained that the tie was a rare instance where judges were unable to choose between two entries and decided to give awards to both writers.

Both writers received \$300 prizes and a certificate from the Detroit Press Club Foundation. The award was for "distinguished expression of opinion on subjects of general interest, judged on the basis of clarity of thought, sound reasoning and the power to influence public opinion."

This marks the second time since the contest began that the Southfield Eccentric has received a top award from the foundation.

The Press Club Foundation Medal, the highest honor, went to the Saginaw News for a series investigating judicial performance entitled "Criminal Justice in Saginaw County."

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