

Beer tent proposal falls flat

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Fraser several years ago where two opposing motorcycle gangs disrupted a festival in that city in an argument about the beer tent.
"An incident like that could destroy

the reputation of our Festival," he said.
But Robert Christ, a member of the Founders Festival Committee, defended the "Jaycees" request. He said that several other surrounding cities allowed beer tents at their festivals without incident.
He noted that the Livonia Spree Committee allowed beer tents at their recent festival.
Jaycee official Jim Mitchell defended

Hotels hustle to make this party a good one

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the bid. The Plaza Room is reserved for South Dakota and the St. Regis Room for Missouri for caucuses and meetings.
Journalists from the Houston/Dallas, Texas area have reserved 58 rooms at the Red Roof Inn, across the street from the Holiday Inn.
The Texas contingent reserved the rooms originally set aside for NBC-TV, which overbooked and went elsewhere.
Several television crews and the Dallas Morning News team are expected.

Taxi owner sees little increase in business during convention

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metropolitan area. This will cut to a great extent, the business for taxi cabs.
"Then there are the private cars, some provided by various manufacturers for the delegates and their parties. There is a lot of subsidized transportation."
"Many of the wives and guests of the delegates spend most of their time near their hotel or motel, doing their shopping in that area rather than taking a cab and traveling around the metropolitan area."
FOSTER SAID the 1,800-member Metro Cab Association feels no one in the group will have any increase in business because of the convention.
He said he wasn't planning on adding any more cabs to his fleet of 35.
"The cab business is dead because of the recession. Dial-a-Ride (public transportation programs which offer door-to-door service) has also hurt our industry," he added.
"SEMTA is our biggest competitor. They apparently are trying to get into the cab business."
According to Foster, there is a report

within the cab industry that attendance at the GOP convention won't be as big as expected.
"We've heard there have been rooms canceled at several hotels and motels. The edge has been taken off the convention, we hear, because it appears that Ronald Reagan is almost a certain shoe-in as the Republican candidate for president."
Persons who use taxis during the convention won't be paying any higher rate than, at least not as far as Foster's cabs are concerned.
"WE INTEND to keep the normal rate. But you know, it is a funny thing. If hotel rooms, meals, entertainment prices are hiked during a convention, the public doesn't consider it gouging — just good business."
Yet they will complain about the price of a taxi trip and if it is more than they figure it should be the customer will say the taxi drivers are taking advantage of the convention and are gouging the public.
Foster, who started his Livonia-based cab business in 1957, said his first company was Yellow and Red Cab. He later purchased Suburban Checker Cab Inc., a subsidiary of Detroit Checker Cab.
"I can't get excited about the GOP convention. I'll just take the convention as it comes, but I'm not expecting any business rush as the result of it."

LIT awards scholarship

Mary J. Forish and Stavroula Peterson of Farmington Hills were awarded full scholarships for the 1980-81 academic year by the Lawrence Institute of Technology.
Both students are 1980 graduates of Harrison High School. Ms. Forish plans to study mathematics and computer science while Peterson will enroll in the architectural program.
The scholarships were awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, test scores and high school recommendations.

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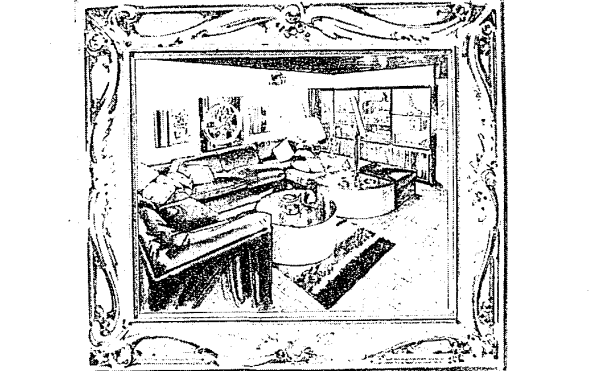
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