



Margaret Miller

Good neighbors these cats

Two cats, one tortoiseshell and one all-black, padded up to the side of the pool for early evening libation as I was finishing my swim. They reminded me of Sam and Frigg, who used to enjoy a drink from our pool in Michigan.

But unlike Sam and Frigg, they scooted off when I got out instead of waiting to be petted. I wasn't at all surprised, and I've learned from two years of very slight acquaintance with these animals not to be disappointed.

Joe and I mist having a pet around. It's a void in retirement, the price we pay for the freedom to leave home for a few days whenever we wish. And when we first arrived at our condominium home, the sight of several cats on the grounds was cheering.

BUT PETTING these cats was not to be, we soon learned. We also learned something else, that they may turn out to be of great value to us. In a way, we may come to prize them even more than pets.

It seems that the cats who like our pool come from a good-sized tract of property near door. There is a large, old house that fronts on the bay, and I think there are a couple of smaller buildings on the land. I can't say for sure because vegetation grows thick, and we look out from our third-floor windows onto a sub-tropical forest of sorts.

In recent years, a new condominium went up at the other end of our complex, and this year, another is being

built closer to the gulf and just north of us.

But the property adjoining our end of the buildings has undeveloped except for the old buildings.

The woman who owns it, we've been given to understand, has been there for years and likes cats. There are a lot of them around her property — no one seems to have kept count. What we do know is that they live pretty much in a wild state and get along just fine without a lot of attention from humans.

NOT TOO LONG after we arrived here, there was a report that the property had been sold for development. Some months later came word that, no, the deal had fallen through because recent zoning changes put much tougher restrictions on building.

Next we heard that a historical designation had been sought for the house. And if that's true, all I can say is, long live the cats — all of them. They're most welcome to come and drink from the pool, and they don't even need to stick around for petting.

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Margaret Miller was *Suburban Life* editor for *Observer Newspapers* for 16 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida, where she writes *Retirement Memos*.

Volunteers knock for cancer crusade

More than 499 volunteers will be going door-to-door throughout the Farmington area April 27 to May 26 for American Cancer Society's Residential Crusade.

"April is Cancer Control Month," said Kathryn Patterson. "Volunteers call on their neighbors and friends giving them life-saving information about cancer. Last year 9,100 'ceas of educational literature were distributed in this area and more than \$18,791 was raised in the Residential Drive."

For 1985, the education focus is cancer of the colon and rectum. According to the American Cancer Society, colorectal cancer is one of the most curable forms of cancer, and also one of the most misdiagnosed. Most people believe that it is an uncommon type of cancer but about 134,000 cases will be diagnosed in the U.S. this year.

The society reports that almost three out of four colorectal patients can be saved if the disease is found early and

treated promptly.

"The educational material the volunteers will be giving our friends and neighbors describes three standard diagnostic techniques for early detection of colorectal cancer in persons who are without symptoms: digital rectal exam, testing for hidden blood in the stool and proctosigmoidoscopy," said Sally McKenney.

A special chocolate chip cookie recipe featuring high fiber and low fat content has been printed on a 3-by-5 recipe card and will be distributed during the neighborhood drive.

Information on cancer detection and prevention, including brochures entitled "Colorectal Cancer, Go For Early Detection," "Nutrition, Common Sense and Cancer" and "Listen To Your Body" are available from the local Oakland County office of the American Cancer Society, 25000 Southfield Road. The phone number is 557-5553.

A view from 1902

The German Evangelical Church, on Oakland Street, was built in 1902 and is known today as Salem Church. The history of the Evangelical church goes back to 1862, and services were given to the German congregation in their language until 1933. The photo is one of about 400 in the Farmington history collection of Farmington Branch Library.



Author of 'Jewish and Female' is sisterhood's guest speaker

Susan Weidman-Schneider, author of "Jewish and Female," and one of the founders of Lillith, a Jewish feminist quarterly, will be the guest speaker for

Adat Shalom Sisterhood's Donor Day.

The event opens with an array of boutiques for shopping Tuesday, May 14, in the synagogue on Middlebelt Road and Northwestern Highway. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by Weidman-Schneider's talk.

Tickets are \$20. Reservations are taken now by calling the synagogue office, 951-5100.

A native of Winnipeg, Canada, Weidman-Schneider was raised in a conservative Jewish household. She had her own Jewish radio program there.

After graduation from Brandeis University she worked as an editor, freelance journalist and critic while she lived in several cities in the U.S. and Canada, on an Indian reservation in South Dakota and in Jerusalem.

Lillith, the only independent Jewish women's magazine, developed from its editors' commitment both to the women's movement and to the creative flourishing of Jewish life. In addition to editing Lillith, Weidman-Schneider lectures on issues of concern to all Jews and contributes to several Jewish periodicals. She is an appointee to the New York



Susan Weidman-Schneider

Naturalist will lead spring walk

A naturalist from the Cranbrook Institute of Science will guide a spring walk through the limited access, flora and fauna preserve, Cranbrook Nature Sanctuary, located on Pontiac Trail just west of Old Orchard Trail, at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 4.

Arrangements to view the wildflowers in bloom has been made by the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Department. Registration is required. Call the Parks and Recreation Office at 334-5660 to register. Fee is \$3 per person.

Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Task Force on the Role of the Jewish Woman in a Changing Society; acts as a consultant on eliminating sexism from Jewish texts and children's books; and is a founding member of US-Israel Women-to-Women, a foundation set up to fund feminist projects in Israel.

This past summer she was a participant in the annual American Jewish Congress Dialogue in Jerusalem, which focused on the theme, "Woman as Jew, Jew as Woman."

Flinging midgets is a sport?

How about this? With a midget tucked under each arm, runners race along a track to build up speed, then fling the little people as far as they can.

Two professors at the University of Santa Clara in California, Paul Verden and John Sewart, are writing a book about these kinds of "trash sports," which include "Jell-O" wrestling and

cage wrestling. In the latter, 21 wrestlers compete in a cage for a rich purse. No rules, no referees. The only person left wins.

Verden saw a match in San Francisco that drew 15,000 fans. "Blood flowed," he reported.

And then there's belly-bucking, in which men batter each other with their bellies.

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about April 30, 1985 the above-named city of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project:

Housing Rehabilitation Program to improve existing single-family housing in Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan; \$130,896.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the above-named Farmington Hills, Oakland County, which documents the environmental review of the project. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request.

The City of Farmington Hills will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Farmington Hills is certifying to HUD that Farmington Hills and William M. Costick in his official capacity as City Manager, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Farmington Hills may use the Block Grant funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to the approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD, P. V. McNamara, Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after May 14, 1985, will be considered by HUD.

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT COMBINED WITH NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS.

Date: April 22, 1985

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about May 10, 1985 the above-named Farmington Hills, Oakland County will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project:

Sandydale Storm Drain, which includes the installation of 1400 linear feet of storm drain pipe along the east side of Sandydale Street in Section 34, Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan; \$981,446.

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly, the above-named Farmington Hills, Oakland County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for this decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

The proposed project will require only minor alterations to the landscape and will not destroy or interrupt natural features of the surrounding environment, such as but not limited to water courses or wildlife.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the above-named Farmington Hills, Oakland County which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request at the Planning Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County to the City Manager at 31555 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018. Such written comments should be received at 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018 on or before May 7, 1985. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Farmington Hills will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Farmington Hills is certifying to HUD that Farmington Hills and William M. Costick in his official capacity as City Manager, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Farmington Hills may use the Block Grant funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to the approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to HUD at Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after May 27, 1985 will be considered by HUD.

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