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City Council balks at home drinking law

By Steve Barnaby editor
The Farmington City Council has unanimously rejected a plea from a local parent group to pass an ordinance which would make adults responsible for minors drinking alcohol in their homes.

The Farmington Hills ordinance makes it illegal for an adult to allow house parties where minors are drinking or in possession of alcohol. The key phrase in the ordinance indicates a violation took place if the adult present "knew or reasonably should have known" about the alcohol.

The violation would be a misdemeanor. It would require that the transgression be seen by a public safety officer, said City Manager Robert Deadman at Monday's council session.

DEADMAN SAID that because of these provisions it would be nearly impossible for the police to develop a criminal case.

whether the person is a minor. A minor in Michigan is anyone under 21.

In violation of local ordinances. The city then sends a letter to the owners of the residence informing them that a party had been held at their home at which alcoholic beverages were consumed by minors. Homeowners also are advised of their possible liability.

THE STATE'S Controlled Substance Abuse Act also aids in enforcement, Deadman said. It makes possession of most drugs by a person of any age a felony, under most circumstances.

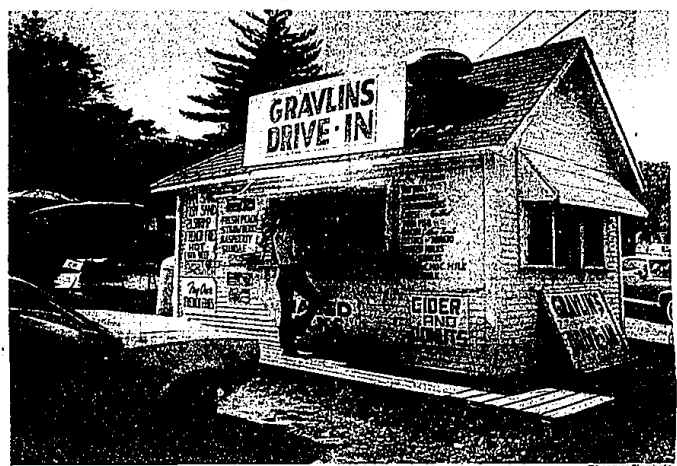
THE PLEA FOR a new ordinance was made by Virginia Britton, an FFA representative. She indicated that similar ordinances have been adopted in cities in Arizona, Florida and Illinois and New Jersey.

A Hills 'country' landmark falls prey to urban sprawl

By Jean Adamczak staff writer
The little white shack where Joe Gravlin sold produce in Farmington Hills has been at the corner of 13 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway for almost 50 years.

Northwestern Highway and the many contemporary office buildings along that strip of road.

Now retired, Gravlin worked for General Motors for 33 years, maintaining his produce stand full-time on the weekends. During the week he depended on his wife, sister and youngsters from his neighborhood to run the stand.



During its heyday, a customer at Gravlin's Drive-In could buy anything from a hot corn beef sandwich to a carton of farm fresh eggs. The longtime Farmington Hills landmark closed last fall and the property has been sold to real estate developers.



Joe Gravlin stands in front of the farmhouse lived in by his family for more than 50 years. Gravlin, the owner of Gravlin's Drive-In, says he closed the popular produce stand because "the bills kept riling" and he is unable to run the business any longer by himself.

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A FARMER ALL of his life, Gravlin's father, Charles, started the produce business early in the 1930s as a way of earning money during the lean years of the depression.

through the farm," he recalls. "The state paid my father \$6,000 for the right-of-way through the property. My father put that money in the bank and lost it during the Depression."

After his father died, Gravlin, the only son in the family, took over the management of the produce stand.

Even though his family was having financial difficulties, Gravlin remembers those years as "the good old days."

Soviet expert sees hope for Poland's freedom

By Lisa Simon staff writer
Poland's struggle for freedom is being enhanced by an increasingly active liberal intelligentsia within the Soviet Union.

Polmer spoke to a full house in the final segment of the 10th annual Polish American Heritage workshop.

This growing intelligentsia, which Polmer equated with an age of liberalism, will eventually involve into a country of free men. Polmer feels, although he feared he might be labeled naive, that freedom and democracy will be the trends of the future for all Eastern bloc countries.

friend of Poland," said this combination of liberalism and Soviet control makes situations "very difficult for a policymaker like me to deal with."

the whole modern world. Recently, they have taken drastic measures to generate incentive and investments usually associated with the free world.

States, there have not been any institutional mechanisms to formally raise human rights questions. Now, according to Polmer, there is the National Endowment for Democracy, an organization that recognizes and abets countries that are non-democratic and politically repressed.

She helps students decide futures

By Jean Adamczak staff writer
For today's high school students, choosing a career can be a difficult and confusing task.

First Semester's major emphasis is on helping high school juniors and seniors to understand the range of career alternatives open to them and the most effective routes toward their chosen goals, Kabcenell said.

for to you so you are aware of it and also lists implications for career, management style, getting along with peers and co-workers as well as families," she said.

There is a need for high school students to ask themselves such questions before they go any further in their educational and career plans, Kabcenell says.

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