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city Council balks at home drinking law

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The Farmington Hills adopted such
an ordinance in May after a lobbying effort by Farmington Families in Action
(FFA).

"I'm not sure how much further we

violation of the ordinance had occurred, he said.

"While in some circumstances it may be obvious, in other instances, where uninvited minors arrive at a location and bring their own alcobolic heverages and loiler on or about a residence, a serious question of adequate proof arises," Deadman said. The existing Farmington ordinance makes it unlawful for any person to sell or provide alcobol to minors. State law holds a person responsible for serving a minor who falls to inquire disperse the participants and cite those

THE STATE'S Controlled Substance
Abuse Act also aids in enforcement,
Deadman said. It makes possession of
most drugs by a person of any ago a
felony, under most circumstances.
Officials say city law enforcement of
bouse parties with adults abeent is
morror of a problem.
The city's current policy is to
disperse the participants and cite those

A Hills 'country' landmark falls prey to urban sprawl

The little white shack where Joe traviln sold produce in Farmington tills has been at the corner of 13 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway for

almost 50 years. It withstood the construction of

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

But now the little produce stand and the adjoining land owned by the Gravlin family for two generations is relinquishing its ground to modern times.

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"We haven't been making any mon-



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

ey on it lately," says Joe Gravlin, 71, owner of the stand and the surrounding land.
"My hands are tied," Gravlin says of the closing, "My wife is sick and 1 just can't handle all of this by myself."
"We did a good business last year when we were open," he says, "but the bills just kept rolling in."
Now rettred, Gravlin worked for General Motars for 33 years, maintaining his produce stand full-time on the weekends. During the week he depended on his wife, sister and yougsters from his meighborhood to run the stand.

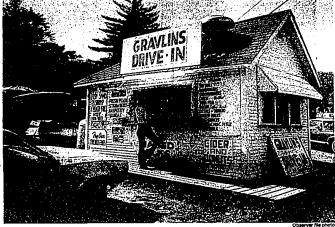
sters from his neighborhood to run the stand.

"A seasonal business like this depends on good, part-time help," Gravilin says. "It's harder to find good help like that today."

A FARMER ALL of his life, Gravilin's father, Charles, started the produce business early in the 1930s as a way of earning money during the lean years of the depression. "We started out just seiling fruit in season in 1931," Gravilin recalls. "That's when my father built the white building."

The Gravilin family has also owned and lived in the large white farmhouse near the produce stand. Although Gravilin's produce stand will probably be demolished, the Farmington Hills Hilstorical Commission is looking into preserving the bouse.

ington Hills Historical Commission is looking into preserving the house. "It seems a shame to lose such an early period house like that," says commission member Jean Fox. The commission hopes to move the house to another location in Farmington



During its heyday, a customer at Graviin's Drive-in could buy anything from a hot corn beef sand-the property has been sold to real estate de-wich to a carrier of farm fresh eggs. The longtime

pleased that the commission is trying to save it. When the Gravlin family acquired the house, they got 40 acres of land along with it. Back then they grow their own pro-duce and maintained an apple farm on the property, Gravlin says. Then came the construction and

Hills where the house can be restored to its original pre-Civil War style. Gravilin says his family has lived in the house since "1925 or so," and lie pleased that the commission is trying blank and lost it during the Depres-

bank and lost if during the Depression."
Even though his family was having
financial difficulties, Gravin remembers those years as "the good old
days".

"We used to sell foot-long holdogs
for 10 cents, and double-dip ice cream
cones for a nicke!," Graviln chuckles.

"We used any way we could to pick
up a dime or a nickel back then."

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

"My dad was a farmer all of his life and he never care all of the business side of farming." Gravin says. "Wo probably aboud have built a bigger place, but then the headaches would've been bigger too."

Even though he did not expand the produce stand, Graviin says he did Nc keeping the little white shack full of produce and flowers.

Soviet expert sees hope for Poland's freedom

Poland's struggle for freedom is being enhanced by an increasingly active liberal intelligentia within the Soviet Union.

That's the opinion of Robie Palmer, deputy assistant secretary of state for Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. He was the speaker at the June 29 meeting of the Orchard Lake Campus' Galeria.

"Poland is a free country in a pris-

RUSSIA ITSELF is experiencing a strong intellectual revival and, Palmer stressed, the intelligential has grown to "massive proportions."

on," said Palmer.
Palmer spoke to a full house in the Falmer spoke to the Falmer spoke to a full palar Almerican Heritage workshop.
Also present were the leaders of soveral American and Canadian Pollat over ganizations. Palmer called Poland the most liberal of the Eastern bloc countries to the full palar palar

friend of Poland," said this combina-tion of liberalism and Soviet control makes situations "very difficult for a policymaker like me to deal with." He explained that the political cli-mate in Eastern Europe is, unfor-tunately, directly related to the Soviet Union's attitude. However, many countries in Eastern Europe reflect their own flavor even though they must cater to Russian poli-ory.

the whole modern world. Recently, they have taken drastic measures to generate incentive and investments controlled their gravitation. Palmer called their gravitation toward capitalisms a desire to be the "Japan of Eastern Europe."
Further, Hungary and Romania both have strong cultural exchanges with democratic countries including the three properties and abets econtries apart of diplomatic excursions.

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She helps students decide futures

For today's high school students, soosing a career can be a difficult and

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

Through a series of nine personal-interview-type sensions and use of a computer, Kabocnell works with students who need more individual time and attention than high school staff comselors may be able to give them, she says. choosing a career can be a difficult and confusing task.

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ing for by discussing career goals, fan-tasy jobs, motivations and back-ground," Kabeenell said. "I draw them (clients) out. I find out what they like doing, what their families feel they are good at or elaented in and then we go from there."

ior to you so you are aware of it and also lists implications for career, man-agement style, getting along with peers and co-workers as well as families,"

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, Kebenell
says.

What may be right for one student
may be totally wrong for another, Kabcuell says.

"A high school graduate may wonder, "Is traditional college right for
me" The answer is that it may not be,"
abe said.

"SOMETIMES IT is better for a student to take a year or two of and work
before going on to college."

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