from our readers

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To the editor:

1 would like to take advantage of the Observer's circulation to let your readers know about the great spors we have for the annual Founders Festival.

Without their assistance, our ability to offer the event would be sadly diminished.

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Stop in and say thanks to these folks and let them know how much we appreciate their commitment to the community. They help make the festival possible.

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Jody Soronen, Festival administrator

Thanks to all who helped

To the editor:

The members of the Farmington fulls Historic Commission and the Friends of Heritage would like to express our sincerest thanks to all of the people who so graciously lent their quilts and coverlets for the quitt show at the park Visior's Center (the Spicer House) July 6-7.

Also a special thanks to everyone who attended the show. It was a tremendous success. We are looking forward to putting on auditing quitt show next year.

Sherrie Stewart,

Sherrie Stewart, Farmington Hills Historic Commis-

Barbara McCann, Friends of Heritage

Our queen deserves better photo

To the editor.

I am confacting you in response to your Thursday, July 11, edition of your Thursday, auty 43, 434. ... the Farmington Observer. Page 1A, the front page, shows a

very large photograph of our recent-ly-crowned Miss Parmington-Parm-ington Hills Marlo Ponos. This at first didn't bother me, but the more I thought about It, the more it did. What's wrong with this picture? This is a beauty queen, right? So why am I unable to teil what she looks like? Surely more than one picture was taken of Marlo, that a more complimenting one could have been used.

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She appears to be a very pretty girl, but a photograph with the rhand in front ofher face definitely doesn't cut it. And on the front page, no less!

I personally don't know her, nor have I ever met her, but I certainly feel for her. Many people in Farmington may have only this photograph to show them who their latest victor is, and they'll never know now. If I was a family member, I'd feel insulted.

If she truly earned the honor, the think she deserves to be shown off a little better than this. I wish the best for her, but I also wish you'd reprint a better snapshot for Mariot sake and for your staff photographer

reprint a better snapsnot for mario's sake and for your staff photographer Sharon LeMieux's sake. Phillipe S. Ralrigh, Farmington

Not happy with story

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the article "No Field of Dreams" published in the July 11 issue of your paper.

I contacted the Observer about this situation shortly after Memorial Day when my backyard flooded due to the construction work in Farmington High School Held. At the same time I contacted the school board and city of Farmington employees to try to get a resolution to my problem.

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I felt that I was quoted out of context in this article. Although, I think
what has been done to the ball fields
is nice for the youth of Farmington, I
am still angry about what has happened to my property in the process
the school board.
My concern is that the article
leads readers to believe some of the
residents have positive feelings
about this project. The damage done
by poor communication cannot be
repaired and a positive thought regarding this project is the furthest
thing from my mind.
Michele Kramer,
Farmington

points of view

Pine Knob still needs to adjust

IT WAS ABOUT five years ago, during two hours apent attling amdets unbudging traffic and weltering heat in a raucous parking lot after a concert, that I vowed never again to go to Pine Knob.

And I kept that vow - up to now.
But the combination of the Palace buyout of the sagging Clarkston-based outdoor amphitheatre and the voice of Michael Crawford were reasons enough to back off from such a promise.

sons enough to back to i from such a sons enough to back to i from such a sons promise. Last Thursday was another such not sweltering evening. But we made it from West Bloomfield to a parking soot in 35 minutes (more and expanded parking, entrances), walked only a short distance to the entrance (more patron entrances) and had time even for a cone of soft yogurt (more turnstilles and concession service points) before the performance of works of Andrew Lloyd Webber, starring the original Phantom of the Opera.

starring are engaged.
Once and the Palace triumviOnce of William Davidson, David
Immella and Robert Scenick, are
triumphing. There wasn't a seat to
be had in the amplithearre at this
semi-classical concert, which in past
years probably would have been held
at Meadow Brook, not Pine Knob.

lowed even the lawn area to fully experience the dimensions of Crawford's voice, including the whispered "Siowly, softly". "In "Music of the Night." Giant video screens placed on either side of the stage comed in on his face - much to the delight of females of every age. Lawn seating is reduced, making for less congestion while restrooms for both men and women have more than doubled. Getting out of the parking lot went nearly as amouthly as getting in. And remember, that the Place owners, all from the Birmingham Eloomifeid area, only booght the facility in February.

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cility in February.

You recall the scenario. Original plans were to compete with Pine Knob, not buy it. Palace owners were going to spawn a state-of-the-art amphitheatre — the Palace Gardens — right next to the Palace on their Auburn Hills site.

But, fortunately, environmental restrictions didn't allow them to get the bang for the buck they needed. So they made the Nederlander operation an offer they didn't refuse.

As a result, everyone can prosper. The Nederlanders got out of a sticky situation, as Pine Knob had public image and economic problems; Oatland County didn't have to contend with yet another urban sprawl issue which a third, redundant, regional

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ject matter was listed at about 16th on the list of most bated teachers. Yet knowledge was one of the top qualities for teachers most "liked." It seems that even if the most hated teachers were knowledgeable, it didn't matter if they were unfair in dealing with students.

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Judith Berne **Judith Doner**

summer music center would have caused, and metro Detroit residents once more have an outdoor amphitheatre they can be proud of. It also show they our other fine suburban summer entertainment provider, Oakland University's Meadow Brook Music Pestival, to add an ar-

Brook Music Festival, to add an array of gardens and a gazebo to its Rochester site. Meadow Brook also must add women's restrooms and more innovative, inviting concessions. They should further capitalize on the natural beauty off that site, which even the new Pine Knob can only drool

NO, NOT EVERYTHING at the new Pine Knob is as it might be. Although women have been ac-commodated restroom-wise, men have a long walk if they are on the right side of the amphitheater. The lighting from the concession stands detracts from the performance. And I took personal offense at the illumi-

eyes are focused.

But this is only midway through
the first season. And Pine Knob murketing assistant Scott Heitman convinced me: "We do listen to our patrons. We talk to them. They're our
best watchdogs."

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So far, through listening and reading the responses to a visitor's survey contained in the program book, they have in mind for next year:

Adding lighting on top of the hill which many climb to exit to the next to th

hill which many climb to exit to the parking lot.

• Adding more comfortable chairs—a least in some of the lower rows.

• Repainting.
So what about the beer signs on either side of the stage! Heitman was direct: Miller Life is the beer sold at Pine Knob and also sponsors some of the attractions.

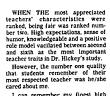
And, as a further defense, he explained that Miller Lite's slogan is

"Think when you drink."
That would fit nicely on those illuminated signs.

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'Best' teachers are those who care

QUESTION: At our 20th class reunion, we were discussing the best
teachers we had in high school and
the worst teachers. Have there been
any studies on what traits the best
teachers have; the worst teachers?
ANSWER: Tons of studies! Probably the best research! I know of was
by Dr. Howard Hickey of Michigan
State University. He asked his future
teacher candidates for the past 20
vears to list and rank the characteristics that they believe makes a
great teacher.
Time Gut! Before I share the results of Dr. Hickey's findings, take a
minute and write down or think of
some qualities you saw in the finest
teachers you had starting with kintrachers in the second of the subteachers in the second of the subties was a caring person, a positive
tole model and had a sense of humor.
Now how would you rank the



I can remember my finest high school teachers and college profes-sors. They were demanding, knowledgeable and had high expec-tations. They were great teachers.

But tody I remember them most be-cause they were always fair and I know they cared about me, my atti-tudes and my future.

Right now, I am thinking of my favorite elementary teacher, a first grade teacher. She also taught me a lot. I can't remember everything she taught me. But I remember she cared for me, indeed, she loved me and I still love her.

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