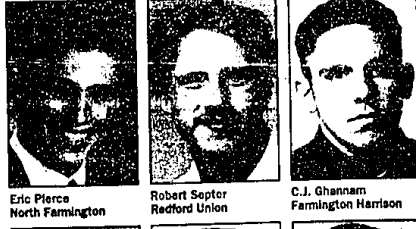
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## BASEBALL

1996 ALL-OBSERVER  
BASEBALL TEAM

**Pitchers:** Art Hoffmeyer, senior, Redford Thurston; Nick Latra, senior, Farmington; James O'Connor, senior, Catholic Central.

**Catchers:** Ryan Rumberger, junior, Plymouth Salem; Aaron Lawson, junior, Farmington Harrison.

**Infielders:** Mike Daguanno, senior, Catholic Central; Eric Pierce, senior, North Farmington; Robert Seftor, senior, Redford Union; C.J. Ghanam, senior, Farmington Harrison; Chris Karney, senior, Catholic Central.

**Outfielders:** Eric Bowman, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Mark Dietrich, junior, Livonia Stevenson; Robert Roth, senior, North Farmington.

**Outfielders:** Jason Schnob, senior, Livonia Franklin; Eric Shapokli, senior, Garden City.

## HONORABLE MENTIONS

**Canton:** Anthony Pastor, Jason Bricker, Marc Hazzard, Jason Pennebaker, Pat Noonan, Jeff Opalinski; **Salem:** Kirk Granger, Dan McLennan, Dave Baker; **Plymouth Christian:** Jon Isensee, Jim Speer, John Pugno, Nathan Bryan, Chris DeRenza, James Jones, Doug Robitard; **Franklin:** Tim Miller, Ron Maleyko, David Wampler, Brian Goodell; **Stevenson:** Todd Smith, Eric Curt, Kevin Graydon, Eric Yunash, Chavakali, Mike Catter, Chris Hill, Matt Hughes, Eric Lightie, Brett Wells, Jason Fleissner; **Clarenceville:** Rob Ashton, Scott Hatch, Bob Weiss, Harrison: Adam Smereck, Chris Puzoski, Matt Sullivan, Mike Fisher, North Farmington: Brian Matoski, Brian Rehling; **Garden City:** Devin Cole, R.J. Casey, Rick Barnak, Kevin Finnegan, Thurston: Chris Gohl, Chad Catholic Central: Chris Misak, Kevin Thomas, Dave Vane, Matt Kaye, Matt Wilk, St. Agatha: Jarrett Weinberger, Mike Miller, Mike Wilson, Mike Simpson, Chris Opalka; **John Glenn:** Trevor Davy, Sean Heard, Dan Galka, Steve Walter, Gordie Smith; **Wayne:** Clark Boston, John Clendenning; **Lutheran Westland:** Jeff Morik, Mat Baltz.

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school records for career victories (18), strikeouts and innings pitched.

Michigan State, Illinois, Ohio State and Saginaw Valley State also tried to recruit him.

"Nick helped us right away as a freshman," Farmington coach Kevin Kamsman said. "He improved his pitching, his strength and speed, every year. Nick was always a winner. He always took the mound to win."

James O'Connor, pitcher, Catholic Central: O'Connor became the CC ace after seeing only limited action as a junior.

He had a 9-2 record and one save with a 2.45 ERA, striking out 70 and walking 35 in 68 2/3 innings. O'Connor also contributed at the plate with a .353 average and 16 RBI.

The left-hander was the pitcher of record in a 4-2 victory over Birmingham Brother Rice, which was then undefeated and the state's No. 1-ranked team. He will attend either Adrian College or Madonna University.

"He really came on as our No. 1 after not having much experience last year," CC coach John Salter said. "He'd get ahead of hitters and make them hit the pitch. He was pretty good at hitting spots, not just throwing down at middle."

Ryan Rumberger, catcher, Salem: Rumberger's ability was defined by his persistence. He led Salem in eight offensive categories, which may have made his defensive abilities seem pale by comparison.

That's not right, Rumberger, a junior, threw out 69 percent of the baserunners trying to steal on him and had a .982 fielding average.

He hit .488, slugging 12 doubles and five home runs, and diving in 30 runs. "I'd say he did a pretty good job this year," said his father and coach, Dale Rumberger. "I was really surprised people tried to pitch to (Ryan) as much as they did. I think Ryan will be one of the best ever to come from Salem."

Aaron Lawson, catcher, Harrison: The junior backstop has been the starting catcher for three years and could be a potential pro prospect next year.

Lawson led the Hawks in hitting with a .487 average, tied a single-season school record with 12 doubles and was the team's most valuable player.

His 38 hits included one triple and one home run. Lawson struck out twice

in 78 chances, scored 23 runs and knocked in 16.

Harrison coach John Herrington cited Lawson for his leadership, knowledge and dedication to the game.

"He probably works harder than any player," Herrington said. "He should be one of the best catchers in the state next year."

Mike Daguanno, infielder, Catholic Central: The only repeat selection on the first team, Daguanno led the Shamrocks in average (.443), RBI (36), home runs (three) and walks (24). He tied teammate Garett Burck for the lead in doubles with seven.

The senior cleanup hitter and first baseman struck out only 11 times in 79 at-bats and was selected to play in the Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game today at Tiger Stadium. He has signed with the University of Detroit-Mercy.

"A lot of teams pitched Mike tougher this year, but he showed discipline and didn't chase bad pitches," Salter said. "He had a good combination of a high average and hitting with power."

Eric Pierce, infielder, N. Farmington: The senior first baseman had an outstanding finale to a four-year varsity career. He finished the season with a .560 batting average and 36 hits, which included five doubles and one triple.

Pierce, who will be a walk-on player at Michigan State next season, had an on-base percentage of .647 (.48-of-74) and 17 RBI. He also scored 14 runs and made the All-Western Lakes team.

North Farmington coach Iv Horwitz said Pierce is the best player at his position in the 12 years Horwitz has coached the Raiders.

"Eric is probably the best player we've had in the last four years," Horwitz said. "With his great dedication and leadership, he was a real asset. The kids really looked up to him. He's an amazing fielder, and he had an outstanding year with the bat."

Robert Seftor, infielder, Redford Union: The three-year varsity starter had a dream senior season, breaking school records in seven categories: average (.505), hits (47), number of times on base (77), walks (30), stolen bases (27), doubles (11) and triples (seven).

The offensive catalyst also led the Panthers with 39 runs scored and contributed 23 RBI. He was steady in the field and struck out only 16 times in 93

at-bats.

Seftor said, "He's not only a good hitter, but he bunts, steals and hits for power."

Ghanam, infielder, Harrison: The junior shortstop was a threat on the bases, setting school records with 51 stolen bases in 52 attempts and 37 runs scored.

Ghanam, another three-year starter and All-Western Lakes selection, batted .416 with 35 total hits, four doubles, a triple, two homers and 12 RBI. From the leadoff position, he also walked 14 times.

"His greatest attribute is his on-base percentage and his ability to steal second and third just about any time," Herrington said. "He has quick feet and is an excellent baserunner, and he can hit the ball."

Chris Karney, infielder, Catholic Central: Karney committed only three errors at second base, and his numbers at the plate were just as impressive.

The senior leadoff batter led the team in at-bats (106), hits (45), triples (five) and fewest strikeouts among starters (nine). He batted .425, drove in 22 runs and scored 25. He also showed some power with two homers.

It was a remarkable turnaround from a year ago when he hit only .219.

"He made a huge improvement," Salter said. "As a junior, he'd swing at bad pitches, take strikes. This year he was the opposite. He was a good leader and hustled all the time whether we were winning or losing."

Karney also pitched, posting a 1-3 record with a 3.61 ERA. He struck out 40 batters and walked 19 in 31 innings pitched. He has signed with U.D. Mercy.

Robert Roth, outfielder, N. Farmington: As the leadoff batter, Roth also had a big impact for the Raiders. The senior right fielder was on base more than 50 percent of the time (.547), was always

a threat to

steal a base and scored 21 runs.

His 27 hits included three doubles and two triples. He also walked eight times and collected 10 RBI.

Roth was a three-year starter for the Raiders, made the All-Western Lakes team as a junior and was an All-Lakes Division choice this year.

"Robert was an excellent outfielder with the best speed we've had in awhile," Horwitz said. "He's a great hitter; he always makes contact and drives the ball somewhere."

"He's one of the best leadoff batters I've had, because he's always on base. He's a hard worker who never missed a practice."

Eric Bowman, outfielder, Franklin: One WLA coach described Bowman as "the toughest out in our league."

Nobody could argue as the senior batted .482 (.41-for-85) with 11 doubles, six triples and two homers. He knocked in 19 runs and crossed home 24 times.

"Eric is a pure hitter with great hands and eyes," Franklin coach Jim Karoub said. "Once he learns a few more things, he's going to be a good college hitter. He's a tough nut, who will knock the ball down, and has a strong arm."

Bowman will attend Wayne State University on a Presidential Scholarship and play baseball. He was also a first-team All-Observer pick in soccer, leading the Patriots to their first district title.

Mark Dietrich, outfielder, Stevenson: The junior helped the Spartans to their first Class A district crown since 1985. He finished the year batting .476 (.40-for-84) with three doubles, one triple, 20 RBI and 31 runs scored.

"Mark was our team MVP, our best player this year," Stevenson coach, Mike Keller said. "He plays the ball to all fields. He also has good speed and uses it well (to turn close plays into hits)."

"Defensively, he has good range. He's a lead by example type of player."

## MEDICATION RESEARCH STUDIES:

The Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Community Research Clinic is seeking healthy males, ages 18-55, for participation in medication research studies. Length of study time is approximately two-four weeks. Research subjects will be paid approximately \$500.00 - \$1000.00 for participation.

For more information please call Ann at (313) 996-7051, Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 2800 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105

CITY OF FARMINGTON  
SPECIAL ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE  
FARMINGTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
(Summary)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council and the Downtown Development Authority, was called to order by Mayor McShane at 7:05 p.m. on June 17, 1996, in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

**PRESENT:** Bush, Campbell, Hartcock, McShane, Mitchell.  
**ABSENT:** None.

**DDA PRESENT:** Executive Director Downey, Heinrich, Jakacki, Oglesby, Cornwell.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Lauboff, Assistant to City Manager Richards.

The Farmington City Council met with the Farmington Downtown Development Authority to review completion of the Streetscape Improvement Projects and post construction maintenance, to review involvement of the Downtown from 1987 to the present and to discuss business recruitment and retention efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

JOANNE M. McSHANE, Mayor  
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan will meet at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 1996, in the Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan, to hear all interested persons on a request for a Special Exemption Use Permit. The Special Exemption Use Permit is proposed for the following described property:

The Farmington Grand Plaza, 31530-31630 Grand River. The Plaza owners are requesting permission to allow the parking of a maximum of thirty (30) new vehicles from Duesseu Lincoln-Mercury in the plaza parking lot near Grand River.

(Prior to the public hearing and final decision, the Planning Commission on May 14, 1996) granted permission for this parking to occur to better determine the impact of this request.)

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to provide written or oral comment at the above time and place.

PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON  
1996 SUMMER TAX STATEMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Farmington Summer 1996 Property Tax Statement is payable from July 1, 1996 through August 31, 1996 without penalty. A 4% penalty will be added to delinquent taxes on September 1, 1996.

City Hall offices will be open for payment of taxes 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday except for the following:

Thursday, July 4, 1996

For your convenience, a depository is located in the City Hall lobby. Applications for deferment of 1996 taxes are available at the City of Farmington Treasurer's office. If your income for 1995 did not exceed \$25,000 and you are a paraplegic, quadriplegic, senior citizen, eligible veteran, eligible widow, blind, or totally or permanently disabled, your application must be filed with the City of Farmington Treasurer's office not later than September 15, 1996. Deferred Summer Taxes may be paid without penalty until February 28, 1997.

By law, if the last day for payment falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the last day will be extended to include the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

PATSY K. CANTRELL  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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