Elks sponsor contest

The Farmington Elks are sponsoring a Flag Day essay contest for all Farmington High School students.

Essays are to be titled "What the American Flag Means to Me" to retries is Monday, May 22.

Road survey expected to be finished soon

The survey of 12 Mile Road in front of Harrison High School is expected to be finished this, said Oakland County Road Commis-sion spokesman Craig Bryson.

concerned parents, the commis-sion is doing a study to deter-mine if the road needs some work.

Based on the findings, the

In response to a recent fatal signal and it may do nothing, accident and many letters from Bryson said.

Winners in library's writing contest lauded

This year's Creative Writing Competition, sponsored by the Farmington Community Library resulted in winners in four categories. The top three entries in each of the cate-gories were:

■ Prose, 11-14: first place-Al Kawashima, Dunckel Middle School, *The Stress Queen;* second place-Christopher Mari-nos, Power Middle School, "Stealth Unit Covert Opera-tions," third place-Maggie Vali-lancourt, Power Middle School, "Making Anna Smile," honor-able mention-James Borre-

gard, Dunckel Middle School,
"Organism" and Amy Dusok,
Power Middle School, "A Sister's Undying Love.

"Poetry, 11-14: first placeEmily Cappe, Power Middle
School, "Triumph;" second
place-Sophie Beal, Dunckel
Middle School, "Nothing," third
place-Kovan Ventura, East
Middle School, "Campy," honorable mention-Kuthryn Schalek,
Power Middle School, "Open."

"Prose, 16-19: first placeMagdalena Gudzowska, Harrison High, "Calamity," second
place-Drew Mokris, Farmington High, "Instrumental Pick,"

third place-Vadia Delly, Harrison High, "A Childhood Fear," honorable mention-Rachel An-Fealk, Farmington High, "A Hit of Reality" and Caroline Womack, North Farmington High, "The Otherworld."

■ Poetry, 16-18: first place-Amenda Frost, Morcy High, 'Sanctuary's second place Erin Borowice, Morcy High, 'Losers', third place-Kristy George, Mercy High, "A Poem for Spidors', honorable men-tion-Megan Cottrell, Mercy High, "Fall" and Lindsay Robio, Mercy High, "Bullies."

Sign

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Meanwhile, Mayor Bill Hart-sock told the proponent that although the new sign would prove to be an improvement in appearance, the amount of the requested variance was too large.

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"Historically, council looks at a particular hardship," in granting variances, Hartsock said. "Clearly, ... it would be an improvement in terms of aesthetics. But that much of a variance presents a problem."

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Council member JoAnne McShane opposed the proposal.

The current design is a little plain, but I don't think it prevents people from seeing the shopping center, McShane said.

At least in my oyes. I guess I don't feel size is the problem and I'd be hard-pressed to go along with this. We're trying to reduce signage.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Mitchell said he struggled with so much of a variance being requested merely to identify the shopping conter.

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Dischenko told the council he could re-work the lettering of the sign to perhaps reduce the amount of the variance by 50 percent. But, the different type style and size might result in some letters looking to "squished" stogether.
"It's do-able," Dischenko said. "It's a matter of sitting down and mathematically figuring out something."
In the next week or so, he will work with tity building inspector. John Koncsol and then submit a revised proposal at the council's next regular meeting, scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, May 15.

Snake

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The owner went up the following day, April 23, and positively identified his anake through its unique tail markings, reports continued. It was not known how the python's body was disposed. There was no other information available about how the python might have made its way to the Auburn Hills ares. Meanwhile, representatives from the Detroit Zoo, Michigan Humane Society and Oakland County Animal Control told Goess and Wiggins that the python, which belonged to a resident at Kensington Manor Apartments, could have andangered small pets and other animals, such as squirrels and rubbits.

Because the weather was cool in mid-April, that leasened the likelihood of the cold-blooded animal going on a feeding freday animal going on a feeding was dormant.

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the python probably was dor-mant.

"Because of the coolness it was not a problem," Goss said this week. "But typically, those ani-mals come out when it's warm and then go looking."

Farmington police searched the backyards surrounding Kensington Maner and alerted neighbors about the python after it was reported missing. Goss earlier said the python apparently escaped through a

apparently escaped through a torn doorwall screen at the apartment complex, at 33270 South Manor. Zoo experts initially said the animal may have been holed up in the basement, somewhere in the building's ductwork.

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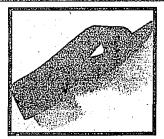
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