



Polio ended military life

Gimme a break

Joe Derek is the city naturalist for Farmington Hills. To leave him a voice mail message, call 248-473-9574.

We defended the western hills around Pusan against Infantry and Artillery attacks, as the 8th army built up its forces through August and early September. Brigades from England, Australia, and Turkey arrived and our 1st cavalry division landed from Japan.

My chest muscles were involved and the closest Iron Lung was in southern Japan. So I was put aboard an Army cargo plane along with a doctor and



Gerald Cleary

flown to the Air Force Hospital in Fukuoka, Japan. Treatment there included hot-packs, heat lamps, and aerosol penicillin, which I had to smoke. Ugly! The respirator (iron lung) stayed parked outside my room, but I never needed it. The services have always had excellent physical therapists, and the two ladies that worked with me were no exception. In just three weeks I had graduated to a wheel chair and even taken a few steps.

Gerald Cleary is a resident of Farmington Hills and is retired from Rockwell International where he was manager of Financial Systems.

Local veterans are invited to share memories during this 50th Anniversary Commemoration period of the Korean War. Call Jack Curd at 478-4694 or Mary Rodrique at 477-5450 for further details.



STAFF PHOTO BY LIZ CARNEY

First place: Artist Marie Benzing won for her watercolor "Still Waters" at jury night recently for the Farmington Artist Club's annual exhibit. Benzing's picture, and the works of many other FAC artists, will be on display April 29 through May 6 during the Festival of the Arts at the Costick Center.

The North Farmington Garden Club will be holding a meeting May 8 at noon at the Spice House, located in Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile.

The program will focus on floral waxing. There will be demonstration and a hands-on workshop creating edible flowers. Speaker Pauline Flynn, member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, will be featured.

For more information, call
Lutje at (248) 553-2368.

'Voice of Democracy' essay contest planned

Area veterans, American Legion Post 346 and the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorative committee invite students to submit, in 500 words or less, an essay on "The Voice of Democracy: Freedom is not Free."

The contest is open to students in all Farmington area public and private schools, elementary through high school. Cash prizes will be awarded and the winners will

■ The contest is open to all students in the Farmington area.

be honored at the Memorial Day parade.

Essays must be submitted by May 15 to Uncle Jack Curd, 23050 Frederick, Farmington MI 48336. For more information, call 478-4694.



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