Harris statement addresses 11 Pines land purchase

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After seeing frequent references to her involvement with the Eleven Pines land purchase, Farmington Hills resident Elaine Harris made a brief statement at Monday's city council meeting.

She concluded in history of the deal, which she pointed out was all done in he public arena, with a sense of finality: 'I will not answer any questions.'

Harris, the wife of District Court Judge Fred Harris, referred to a letter published recently in the Observer, which raised the issue of the identity of the sellers of Eleven Pines. The city purchased the more than 90 acres locat-

ed at 11 Mile and Halsted Roads in 1998, from a registered limited partnership, formed in November, 1998 by a group of men who included Elaine Harris' father, now deceased.

"Many years after Eleven Pines was formed and had purchased the property it was learned that when Farmington Hills was known as Farmington Township, a former township supervisor badengineered the use of the Eleven Pines property as a site to dump all sorts of debris and then cever it over, 'Harris said, 'This information was arevervealed to either the General Partner or any of the Limited Partners by anyone from the Township to our knowledge."

After Elaine and her husband moved to Farmington Township, her father asked her to find out where the Eleven Pines property was and show him where it was located. He had never seen the land, she said.

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"After my father passed away in 1980, his interest in the Limited Partnership passed to my sister and me," Harris continued, reading from a prepared statement. "It was shortly thereafter, when Eleven Pines received an offer to sell the property, that a soil analysis was performed and the Limited Partnership learned, for the first time, that the site had at one time been used as a

Harris said the partnership had received many offers before the land was sold to Farmington Hills.

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In previous discussions about the property, city officials have said they wanted to purchase the property to keep it from intense development. The land was soned for light industrial uses. Now proposed are site condominiums and expansion of the San Marino Golf Course to 18 holes, with a new clubhouse and driving range. The city has alse taken responsibility for properly covering the 23-acre landfill site in an effort to contain contamination. Harris displayed a news clipping from 1998,

which showed former City Manager Dan Hobbs, former Mayor Alda Vagnozzi, Eleven Pines General Partner at that time Leo DiMambro, Economic Development Corporation representa-tive John Anhut and Kathy Dornan, city clerk signing the final papers for the land sale.

"Nothing about this issue has ever been a secret except the fact that Farmington Township used this land as a landfill and never revealed it to the Limited Partnership known as Eleven Pines," Harris said. "Hopefully, this will finally close this matter.

Antioch hosts Spring Bazaar

Antioch Lutheran Preschoel, a non-profit organization, is Gourmet, Tupperware, baked lolding its First Annual Spring gode, and crafts. Admission is Bazare Fundraiser 10 a.m. 4 free. Raffle tickets are \$1.50 p.m. Saturday, April 20. Each vendor will raffle items. Vendors include Discovery Toys, Pampered Chef, PartyLike, Creative Memories, The event will be held in the

Church, on the corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. For more information call Antioch Lutheran Church at (248) 626-

Space still available for crafters

Limited craft exhibitor booth space is available for the 2002 Farmington Area Founders Fes-tival to be held July 18-20 in downtown Farmington. Deadline for applications is April 30.

tery, jewelry, textiles, needle-work, photography, glass and stained glass, leather graphics and woodcarving. A limited number of exhibitors will be accepted in each category in order to maintain a balanced

Applications may be down-loaded online at www.founders-festival.com or obtained by cal-ing the FAFF hotline at (248) 932-FEST. All questions can be e-mailed to Festival Craft Chint, Deb Watson at info@founders-

PRIZE FRESHMAN
University of Michigan student, Robert Gundinch, is a recipiont of the William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize. This sward is given annually to first year undergraduate students whose academic achievement during their first semester on campus places them in the upper five percent of their college class. Gundlach also received University honors for the fall semester.

NIU GRAD
Andrea Cossettini of Farmington carned a master of arts degree from Northern Illinois University. WALSH GRADS

following The following Farmington/Farmington/Farmington Hills residents recently carned degrees from Walsh College:
Denise Laurie, Tim Galli-

CAMPUS PIPELINE son, John Gemignani, Mildred Weston, Erik Balk, Mark Donovan, Frederick Terrell, Alfred Chiesa, Susan Kujawaski, Kimberly Laugh-lin, Dobra Lee, Asifa Mohammed, Todd Block and Monlam Mulchandani.

The EARL'S
The following Farmington/Farmington Hills residents were named to the dean's list at the University of Michigan – Dearborn following the fall semester:

Kimberly Austin, Kevin Oliverio, Dan Parasca, Devis Shehu and Ann Elkina.

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MERCY SCHOLARS
Atif Ahmed of Farmington
Hills and Tom Grant of Farmington were awarded four year
scholarships to the University of
Detroit Mercy.

WICHITA STATE GRADE
Srinivas Phani Uppugonduri of Farmington Hills
earned a master of science
degree from Wichita State University following the fall 2001

SPAIN STUDY

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Kelly Karakashian, a Kalamazoo College sophomore, is currently studying in Madrid, Spain
until May 31. She is a graduate
of North Farmington High
School.

GRAND DEAN'S

The following Farmington/Farmington/Farmington Hills residents were named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State University following the fall semester: Jason Barragato, Kriston Lee, Jaime Halprin, Stephanie Palazzolo and Jacqueline Walker.

Botsford offers free thermometers

ters for safer digital thermome-ters.
With a mission to serve its communities' health needs, Botsford offers the thermometer-exchange at no cost. While sup-plies last, bring in a mercury thermometer and receive a free digital thermometer, including instructions on the proper use of an oral digital thermometer and information on the dangers of mercury. mercury.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, people should stop using mercury thermometers. Mercury is a toxic substance that can harm both humans and wildlife. Significant exposure, whether brief or extended, can produce major effects on the central nervous system, kidneys, skin and lungs.

These Botsford sites are offering the thermometer exchange: Farmington/Farmington Hills:

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JOSINA B. POWELL
Josina B. Powell, 90, of Foley, Ala., died April 10
at Botsford Continuing Care Center in Farmington
Hills. She was born March 27, 1912.
She is survived by her husband, Vance; sons,

Vance Jr., D.O. (Dawn) and William (Mary Sylvia); sister, Wilhelmina Hawkins; and five grandchil-dren. Arrangements made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.



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Guest Speaker Michael Viterna, Esq.

Wednesday, April 17, 2002 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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