

Dan McCosh writes:



# A Polish Pigeon?

The Farmington Founders festival is faced with a crisis.

For the past few years, it has been a traditional kickoff for the mid-summer madness to race a flock of pigeons from Farmington back to their east side coops.

In the past, the glamor of the event has been sufficient to attract the press and media stars from as far away as Garden City and Walled Lake to this mecca of the northwest suburbs.

But inflation has reared its ugly head, and what was formerly a quiet, feather-strewn ceremony punctuated only by the squawks of the captive birds, this year will feature a 250-pound Polish pigeon, ac-

cording to Founder's Festival Chairman Robert Beschamp.

Now this may have the appearance of an ethnic error, but it should be noted the race is to, not from, Hamtramck, which apparently indicates a preference for the nation which produced Copernicus among the pigeon species.

Regardless, the main trouble facing the promoters is how to get this bird off the ground.

Suggestions have been coming in from everyone who has been made aware of the problem.

Beauchamp has heard self-proclaimed aerodynamics experts suggest hanging the thing from a helicopter, hot-air balloons (somehow appropriate), and a skyhook.

The idea of setting up a catapult, like circus acrobats use, was rejected when it became apparent the only thing heavy enough to bounce the thing to Hamtramck would be a 600-pound pigeon, which seemed a little ridiculous.

So he is open to suggestions.

Anybody with an idea is asked to put it on a strip of paper, put it in a little tube, strap it to a leg, and hop over to the festival committee.

Peck on the window a bit, and they will let you in.

## Colt Standings

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W.L. Giants  
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## It's A Tie

Michigan is tied with the state of Washington for first place in commercial production of hothouse rhubarb. In 1972, Michigan produced one and one-half million pounds of this crop.

## Students Sell Engineering

FARMINGTON Miss Stenbeck seeks to combat a feeling among female high school students that engineering is an exclusively male career.

Just having the opportunity of hearing about engineering from one of their own sex seems to make the point," she said.

## Lots Of Room

Expert driving know how tells you to give bicycle riders a wide berth. Most bicycle riders are youngsters with little appreciation or understanding of your problem as a driver.

Michigan State University's Highway Traffic Safety Center reminds you to slow down as you overtake a cyclist; move to the center of the roadway if traffic permits, or stop. Be sure the cyclist knows you're there.

A youngster on a bicycle is unsteady as well as unpredictable. Give yourself ample room and take extra caution.

## Hearing Loss Progressive

He cited figures recently compiled by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Engineers' Joint Council which indicate some 48,000 new job openings each year during the decade but an annual output of only 32,000 students from engineering colleges.

It is estimated that about one third of persons 65 years of age and older suffer from some type of hearing losses, according to experts. They point out that most of these losses are slowly progressive, ranging from hardly noticeable to possibly incapacitating.



FLOYD CAIRNS (right) was sworn in Friday as the first clerk of Farmington Hills by Judge Michael Hand, in a brief ceremony in the new Farmington Hills City Hall. (Photo by Fran Evert)

## Barb Readett Bethel Queen

FARMINGTON Barb Readett, of Farmington, was recently installed Queen of Farmington Bethel 55, International Order of Job's Daughters.

Line officers also installed were Clare MacDowell, senior princess; Deb Magorian, junior princess; Carol Turton, guide, and Denise Coleman, Marshall.

Appointed officers were Barbara Dennis, Lisa Carr, Debra McCuen, Melody

Dodson, Debra Fowlkes, Carol Staten, Cindy Terrill, Kathy Anderson, Colleen Wilkins, Karen Perkins, Kim Terrill, Janeen Ellis, Nancy Crockett, Joan Kemsley, Sue Sheffler and Debra Schnettler.

Janeen Ellis, retiring honored queen, conducted the installation at the Farmington Masonic Temple.

Assisting were Mrs. Mary Hunter and Paul Readett, guardians, and six past honored queens.

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