## **Constrictor Causes Class Consternation**

By MARTHA MAHAN

FARMINGTON

When young David Hill sauntered into Kenbrook School, 32130 Bonnet Hill, with a boa constrictor draped eround his neck, the delight of his classmates was no greater than the snake's. When young David Hill sauntered

For the boa, it meant rescue after

a long tough summer.

The snake, it turned out, is the pet of a young man who left it in his parents' custody when he took off for college last January. Several months ago, it escaped and apparently had been finding survival a rough go ever

"IT WAS in bad shape," said Larkshire, Principal James Lanigan, a reptile fancier whose counsel was hastily sought by his Kenbrook counterpart, Richard Close. "I have a year

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Milton Covensky, professor
of history at Wayne State, will
be guest speaker at the Birmingham Temple, 12 Mile Rd.
east of Middlebelt Friday,
Oct. 13, at 8:39 p.m.
His topic will be "Unity in
Diversity," an exploration
into the reality of a pluralistic
society and what makes it

society and possible.

old baby and the boa was so much under the weather I'd have let him handle it."

Lanigan, in turn, contacted the curator of reptiles at the Detroit Zoo who came out to Kenbrook and tenderly carted the snake away for expert

dical care.

David said he and his 11-year-old buddy, John Ferguson were "just fooling around" in the woods back of the school at lunchtime when John put his hand on what he at first thought

WHEN THE boys realized what they had at hand was a six-foot-long boa constrictor: "I just grabbed it by the head and put it around my neck,"

attention-catching arrival.

## **Charter Draft Coming** David said. Then the pair set off gleefully for school confidently anticipating an In 'About' A Month' A spring election, and a charter completed in rough form by the middle of next month were predicted by Farmington Charter Commission Charter Commission Charter Commission Charter Commission Charter Robert McConnell.

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McConnell expects a complete rough draft to be fimished "around Nov. 15. A meeting to vote on the last four paragraphs still unagreed on is expected by that time, he said.

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How will the proposed ice rink a time?

The answer to this and other que proposed \$1.2 million ice arena and

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DR. DONALD HAMA-CHEK, professor of educa-tional psychology and child development at Michigan State University, will speak at the Oct. 18 meeting of the Forest Association of Parents and Teachers, His topic will be child behavior.

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The meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the Forest School Gymnasium, 34545 Old

The four items still outstanding are:

• Tax limits
• Council salaries
• Representation
• Borrowing limitation

the last meeting will bring agreement.

Following completion of the rough draft, "three or four" was Brad VanPelt, hard-public hearings will be scheduled, followed by a rewrite session.

Leader in strikeouts in the 1972 Big Ten baseball season was Brad VanPelt, hard-bet throwing Michigan State righthander who fanned 35, the sale of captain of State's 1972 football Spartans.

Then the charter goes to the governor's office for approval before the election.

"I'm aiming at a spring date," McConnell says.

The record for most yards total offense in a single game for Michigan State football is the 698 yards picked up by the Spartans in their 1971 game at

The victor in the primary election for supervisor, and running unopposed on the ballot in November, he says, "I hope to be the shortest-term supervisor in Farmington's history."

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## **Bids Out** On Water **Project**

FARMINGTON
Bids are being taken for the
construction of some water
lines in the "northwest
pressure district" of Farmington Township.
The township board asked
for the bids after being told by
Clerk Floyd Cairns that four
major developers with land
holdings in the area were
willing to put up a portion of
the cost on a "payback
agreement."
The bids will be on the first
portion of the project, serving
an area near Halstead Rd. and
Nine Mile Rd.
The "morthwest pressure
district" includes most of the
waterless northwest portion of
the township.

How will the proposed ice 11.....

The answer to this and other questions about the proposed \$1.2 million ice arena and sports facility waterless northwest portion on hopefully will be answered at a public meeting. Thesday, Oct. 17, at 8 p.m. in the Farmington High rauditorium, according to City Manager Robert Deadman.

Deadman.

The whole area will eventually include approximately from 10 Mile Rd. tol 4 Mile and from Haggerty to east of Drake Rd. The whole project, when completed, is estimated at \$3 million.



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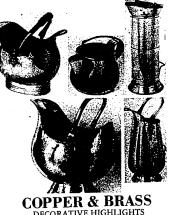
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Discussion on these four items has yet to bring agreement among the ninemember commission, but McConnell is hopeful a vote at the last meeting will bring agreement.

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