

Dan McCosh writes



Why Do Superheroes Work In Pajamas?

The Karate-Kung Fu craze, which even has some housewives chopping at their turkeys with the sharp edge of a hand, is mistakenly traced to the charisma of David Carradine, who plays a pacifist cowboy who wears his pajamas to work.

It really started because a whole generation of kids who kept getting beat up in school.

Probably the only adults who really understood that

one of a kid's big worries was getting a sucker-punch on his way to study hall were the comic book publishers.

The super-heroes like Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman preyed on the adolescent fantasy that even a kid without a big brother could get even.

Nobody seriously thought you could pull on a pair of tights, wear your underwear on the outside and run around as a crime-fighter

without getting put away. The real stuff was in the ads in the back.

The "90-pound weakling" pitch was famous. Getting big and strong and rolling the sleeves of your T-shirt helped a lot, but the realities of body-building limited this solution.

More to the point were the two-inch square ads that usually showed some guy casually flipping a bandit with a mask on over his shoulder

while his girl screams in the background.

"Learn Ju-Jitsu. Send a dollar." That was more like it.

Another one, which usually ran a full page, showed a guy who looked sort of Oriental, with his hands up in front of him and lightning bolts shooting out of his forehead.

"Kung - FU - Self Defense with No Bodily Contact." The real stuff.

A friend of mine and I got hold of one of those books once, and religiously practiced the throws shown in the step-by-step drawings. He would stand like the guy dressed in black, and I would go through the moves of the guy dressed in white. Then he would fall down.

The next time a guy pushed me in the hall, I immediately started to go through the moves of the guy dressed in white. Only the other guy

had his feet in the wrong place.

"What are you trying to do?" he says, while I am pulling on his sleeve and sweeping his feet from under him, like in the book.

Then he gives me a shot in the stomach and walks away.

My fascination with the martial arts continued in college, where I joined the Judo Club.

This lasted until I tried throwing a guy who weighed about 80 pounds more than me over my back and was squashed by a mound of blubber tied up with a green belt.

Now I just look my car doors when I go out, and yell "right on!" when someone pulls a gun on Caine on TV.

AIEEEEEAH, HAH!, is, for me, the sound I make when I open the charge account bill.

TEL-TWELVE MALL

TELEGRAPH at 12 MILE RD.
Open Daily, 10-9
Sunday Noon-5

Don't throw away your old sewing machine. It may be worth a great deal to someone else. Free but some one else through an Observer Classified Ad.

522-0800

25% DISCOUNT ON EVERYTHING IN OUR SHOWROOM!



JOHN P. DEROSIA CABINET SHOP
3151 W. 10 Mile Road FARMINGTON
WE ALSO BUILD VANITIES TO FIT UNDER SINKS/TOPS

Christmas Book List Available

FARMINGTON
A list of recommended books for children titled "Children's Gift Books" was recently published by the Farmington Libraries.

The list was compiled to help in selecting picture books, fiction, non-fiction and paper back book gifts.

Price and reading levels of each book are included in the list which is available from the library at 23333 Farmington Rd. of 32737 W. 12 Mile Rd.

MOVING CLEARANCE

Save up to **40% Off**

ALL ITEMS IN OUR STORE

CHAIRS • SOFAS • END TABLES • LAMPS • ACCESSORY PIECES • PICTURES • PEWTER • BEDS • COFFEE TABLES • MIRRORS • BELLIONS • PIPE RACKS • CHAIR PADS • RECLINERS • HIDE-A-BEDS

All Sales Final

MASTERCARD • BANKAMERICARD • AMERICAN EXPRESS

EBENEZER SHOP
23346 FARMINGTON RD.
Downtown Farmington Center



"BOOSTER DAYS" for the Harrison High School Band and Orchestra will raise money for scholarships and music equipment. Parents and uniformed students such as Meredith Fine (left), Bryan Suszek and Bob Marquardt will be accepting donations for "Music Booster" decals at locations throughout Farmington.

Booster Days Are For Band

"Booster Days" for the Harrison High School Band and Orchestra will be held Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 throughout Farmington.

Donations for "Music, Booster" decals are used to provide scholarships and music equipment for the groups.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoehner, co-chairmen of the drive, will work with other parents and uniformed band and orchestra members in many Farmington locations.

the farmington enterprise & observer

DAN MCCOSH, Editor
36251 Schoolcraft Road
Livonia, Mich. 48150

Phone 261-5600

Published every Wednesday and Friday

Home Delivery Service

Newstand ————— per copy, 15¢
Carrier ————— monthly, 15¢

Phone 261-3800

Published by Observer Newspapers, Inc.
36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150 every Wednesday and Friday.
And Philip H. Power, Publisher. Second class postage paid at the U.S. Post Office, Farmington, Michigan.

Address all mail subscriptions change of address forms 2178 or P.O. Box 2428, Livonia, Michigan 48151.

NOW! 2 STORES

to serve YOU... in THE YOUNG WORLD OF SHOES

featuring **dunham**

Greg SHOES

BEL-AIRE CENTER FARMINGTON, MICH. 477-2343 • 474-5670

ORCHARD MALL WEST BLOOMFIELD, MICH. 851-5566

Heeney-Sundquist FUNERAL HOME

Dear Friends,

Psychologists tell us that grief should not be suppressed, but should be expressed aloud. Giving vent to grief is in itself healing.

"The tendency to hurry thru a funeral with a few impersonal sentences and prayers is a failure to understand either its purpose or the real needs of those who mourn," says Rev. Dr. Paul E. Johnson. In short, the only remedy for grief is to grieve.

Respectfully,
Hester E. Sundquist

23751 FARMINGTON ROAD
PHONE 474-5200 FARMINGTON, MICH.



KATHI ALEXANDER, a ninth grade student at Power Junior High School, reviews her original political cartoon with Robert A. Brown, principal. Kathi's cartoon was selected for publication in "Viewpoint" and other educational publications used throughout the country.

First Federal announces a bargain.

Deposit \$1,000 for one year

Earn **6 1/2%**

On money.

If you'll deposit \$1,000 or more in a Certificate Savings Account for just one year, you'll earn 6 1/2% annual interest, paid and compounded quarterly.*

And that's a bargain.

That means you no longer have to tie up your funds for a long period of time to earn high interest on your savings. In fact, 6 1/2% annual interest yields an effective annual rate of 6.66%.

So ask yourself this: At times like these, when it seems like every day you're getting a little less for your money...shouldn't you take advantage of a savings program that offers you so much?

Whoever thought money would be a bargain?

*Penalty—Federal regulations require a substantial interest penalty for early withdrawals from certificate savings accounts.

We can do more for you if you'll think First.

First Federal Savings of Detroit

Main Office • 1001 Woodward Avenue • Detroit, Michigan 48226

Two conveniently located offices to serve you:

IN FARMINGTON • Farmington Road and Grand River, Phone 476-3724
IN QUAKERTOWN • W. 12 Mile Rd. at Farmington Rd.,

METRO BANK

12 MILE 4 locations

There is a Metro office near you! Our fourth and newest is on Grand River near Deice in the World Wide Shopping Center. All Metro offices are open on Saturdays till 1 PM and on Fridays till 6:30. Banking at Metro is convenient... no matter how you look at it.

METROPOLITAN BANK farmington

FARMINGTON OFFICES: 33205 Grand River (near Farmington Road) & 34753 Grand River (World Wide Shopping Center)
QUAKERTOWN OFFICE: 27500 Farmington Road (near 12 Mile) REDFORD: 25719 Grand River (near Beech Daly)