

from our readers

Cable policy is lamented

To the editor:

Just the other day I had a chap come over who was canvassing the neighborhood to tell me about the reasons that I should put in cable television. He told me that I could see sports, and I would have all sorts of information available just at the twist of a dial. That's really neat, I was impressed.

But, of course, for every advantage I guess there's a disadvantage, and the disadvantage here is censorship. I don't get a choice of all the channels that are available. I only get a choice of the channels that the censors have decided that are available to me. Isn't this a further erosion of our constitutional rights?

Yes, most people will say "well he's

only talking about X-rated or hard-core porn type of material." That may well be. But certainly what about the fact that once one area is censored maybe others can be. Maybe the censors don't want us to hear certain "propaganda," maybe there are certain commentators that the censors feel are reactionaries or are inflammatory or indeed might wish to cast anti-establishment opinions. Where will it end?

For many years we have fought to maintain the opportunity to have free choice — are we now letting this get away from us by not realizing that indeed there is censorship on the cable.

There are those of us who brought censorship in the libraries; censorship in the schools; censorship in government. Isn't that why we have the Freedom of Information Act? As patriots of our fine country we should strive to make sure that the liberties which have been fought for, for many years at great cost, should not be so easily given

up. Before you sign up for your \$7 or \$10 worth of cable television, think about the potential element for bias and prejudice that you may be sponsoring and, yes, I did apply for a position on the cable commission.

Thank you for this opportunity.
Allen Silverman
Farmington

Student pleads for East's sake

To the editor:

I just got out of school, graduating from the eighth grade at East Middle School, but, unlike the three other middle schools in Farmington, in the last few weeks we had no exams to study for. This seems to be a pattern at East for a lot of important things.

When East was a junior high school, there was an academic awards ceremony at the end of each year. A student would get recognized for achievement in a certain academic subject. This provided an incentive for students to excel in schoolwork. But, with the change to

a middle school, this important program has been eliminated. Sports at East seems to be quite competitive. Why can't academics be the same way?

Also being cut were the school newspaper and the yearbook staff. These both involved the students more in the school as well as helping them develop their writing skills. The student council, which enhanced the student's leadership ability, also was cut.

We understand that East Middle School may not be able to provide these things because of a lack of money, but the other middle schools provide these programs. The academic awards ceremony and the student council do not cost the school anything, so there is no excuse for not providing them.

Middle school is supposed to be a means of preparing students for high school. East Middle School does not meet up to these standards.

I know this will not help me any because I have chosen to attend a private school, but I hope it will benefit the future students who will attend East Middle School.

Leena Mangrulkar
Farmington Hills

Single parents meet monthly

"Suddenly single" parents may attend Parents Without Partners meetings every first and third Wednesday. The Farmington-Southfield Chapter gathers at 8 p.m. at Bonnie Brook Country Club on Telegraph Road south of Eight Mile.

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For more information call Frank Manley at 661-5084.

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Students graduate from Dartmouth

Stacy Henderson and Janet Baird, both of Farmington Hills, graduated with bachelor's degrees from Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., this year.

Henderson graduated with a degree in history. She also participated in Dartmouth's religion foreign study program in Edinburgh, Scotland, and served as co-president of the Dartmouth yearbook, "Aegis."

Baird, graduated with a degree in Russian language and literature. She graduated with honors in her major, and was a member of the Nathan Smith and Daniel Webster societies.

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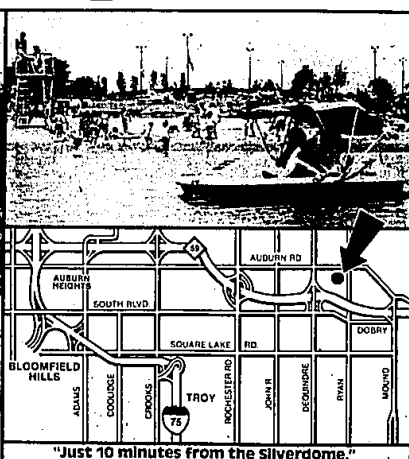
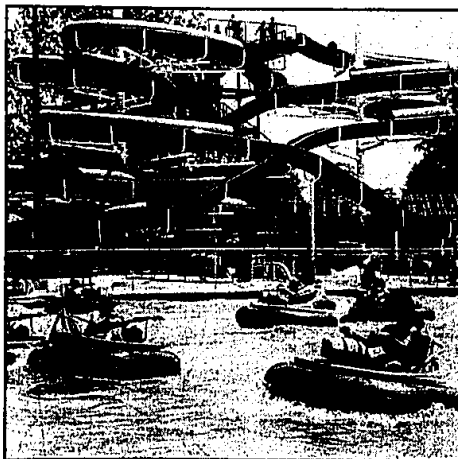
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