

# Gardener Experiences Mint Green Thumb



PREVIEW OF TRIP—Eleven students from North Farmington High School watch travel films as a preview of a World Horizons trip to Europe planned for 38 days in July. Taking the group will be Gerald Sklare, NFHS counselor. Places visited will include Czechoslovakia, East Germany, England, Denmark, France, Italy, Austria

and Switzerland. Seated, from left, Don Maisel and Jay Schlesinger; second row, from left, Daryl Sluter, Jim Smith, Al Must, and Randy Mikula; Jack Lohan is seated with the film can; standing from left, Debbie Murray, Janet Strand, Sklare, and Kathy Souder. (Evert photo)

This past week has been one of the most memorable weeks of my life. Of all the experiences, though, there is only one I choose to share with you at this time.

This particular experience is worth sharing only because many of you have gone down the same road. If you haven't, don't.

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do little good to have a few ripe tomatoes this summer if I were unable to work.

Well, the cultivated plot was not as large as I had intended to dig a couple of hours back. My geometry isn't very keen, and somehow I envisioned enough space to locate 16 pepper plants and 14 tomato plants in my backyard ecology lab.

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to arise which will be confronted with the same optimistic assumption that each plant will bear one or two tomatoes, an order was placed for 200 plants.

THIS EPISODE reminds me of an experience of a friend (who'll also remain nameless) who a few years back decided to plant tomatoes because of a love for chili.

My friend's thumb was at best mint green. Based on an

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## Daniels Den

By EMORY DANIELS

between tomato plants to allow for proper growing room. So quite a scientific method was used.

YOUR ENTHUSIASTIC suburban gardener grabbed his shovel and worked the ground until the number of blisters on his hand reached the point where it might interfere with typing.

This was the point of diminishing returns because it would

planting chore was assigned to one of the other two members.

That member will have to remain nameless, because after digging up six plants and offering them to our expert to the west, the transplant was informed that what was being offered was pepper plants instead of tomato plants.

Now the remaining eight plants must be replanted to provide for the proper growing gap. Future problems are sure

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## Readers Write Resident Rips Student

**EDITOR**  
Letter to Steven Galbraith and other Orchard Ridge students:

As a concerned citizen, taxpayer and Farmington resident I am much more interested in what happens at Orchard Ridge than you are. I will be here for many years; you for only two. We taxpayers felt it would

be advantageous to build a community college in our town. Unfortunately, because of student behavior, the college is a social liability and a nuisance factor, instead of an asset to this community.

Thus, besides a lack of objective, legal and historical knowledge, you are weak also in English grammar. Perhaps a few more years of conscientious studying and less absence from school "demonstrating" will improve your mind to the point where you can write an accurate and intelligent letter, one you can be proud of.

Had your demonstration included some thoughtful public service, you could be proud of your participation and having your photo taken. For instance, ever since you students began matriculating at Orchard Ridge, the college grounds have been littered with trash, beer cans, pop bottles, paper cups, newspapers.

note papers, ad infinitum. Farmington taxpayers are not pleased to see their campus grounds so carelessly polluted. It is not our way of life.

As for your placing crosses at the entrance "to exemplify student concerns," why crosses? They are a symbol of Christianity. I am sure Christianity was not the concern of the marching students.

The taking of photographs by police in no way "undermined" the students. If they felt undermined it was due to their own lack of faith in, and aimlessness of, the so-called rally.

The pen, Steven, can be "mightier than the sword" but it must be in the hand of an intelligent and thoughtful person, one who is dedicated to improving the state of the nation, not disturbing it.

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## Salutes Farmington Teens for Campaign

**FARMINGTON**

**EDITOR**  
The negative cannot be eliminated, but the positive can be accentuated. I want to loudly laud and sincerely salute the teen guys and gals of Farmington.

I am a coordinator for several committees in Oakland County, one being Farmington - helping to organize the approaching Muscular Dystrophy Campaign, ending May 26. The Moms are usually the ones who do the good job of collecting from the homes. In the districts for which I was directly responsible in Farmington, I decided to ferret out the teens instead - and ask their help.

They responded with ready willingness and rare enthusiasm. Their positive attitude was refreshing. For this campaign 44 districts in Farmington will be covered by teens. Many have taken the responsibility of district leadership.

Consider Quakertown, where news not covered for Muscular Dystrophy last year. Young Brian Hughes was a resident there and died of M.D. It is being covered this year, in memory of Brian, by school friends from Our Lady of Sorrows.

Then consider the young man He knew not Brian nor little of M.D. But he has organized his whole subdivision with 10 fellows to March Against time. Most of these are like that, as the two girls who want to do their area all by themselves.

Out of empathy and interest they are giving of their time - which is at a premium too. They are giving of themselves.

Your teens are beautiful, beautiful people.

MRS. CHRIS MURPHY Southfield

## DO YOUR TEEN-AGERS UNDERSTAND YOU?

Today many teen-agers feel that anyone over the age of 30 simply doesn't know. Rebellion sometimes seems to him to be the only way of life - the only answer.

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