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Politicians are known for pulling rabbits out of hats, but a candidate seeking Farmington votes for state representative has earned a reputation for pulling bunnies out of culverts. If you lost a bunny, Howard Fried wants to return it.

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## Pigeon Pollution Anticipated In Farmington Area July 16

By EMORY DANIELS

Ralph Nader may think Ford Motor Co. is the worst pollution culprit, but Nader has never attended the International Pigeon Race in Farmington.

You may think clouds of billowing, black smoke is ugly but imagine how the skies will be polluted when 50-75 pigeons are released July 16.

THAT IS EXACTLY what will happen next Thursday at 1 p.m. on the Farmington Senior High athletic field when Farmington stages its sixth annual Broadcast Media International Pigeon Derby, (BIMPD).

The public is encouraged to be at the FHS athletic field when Detroit area radio, television and newspaper personalities will release their pigeons for a 26-mile race to Belleville.

The race is held each year as a prelude to the Farmington Founders Festival, held this year on July 23, 24, 25. Sponsors are the Thompson-Brown Co., Sanderson Realty Co. and the Danish Inn.

First, second and last place trophies, plus special comic awards are given to personalities entering in the following categories: entertainment-folk; weathercasters; news

media; and sportscasters and announcers.

Before the race begins, personalities present at FHS will be introduced individually to the spectators.

Bird committee members will release birds for those celebrities who cannot attend in person.

Hopefully, if the pigeons fly at speeds recorded for earlier races, winners will be announced and trophies presented at 3 p.m. at the Danish Inn.

The birds belong to Dr. John Stopa, a Belleville chiropractor who has a national reputation in the pigeon racing field.

THE MANY RACING trophies Dr. Stopa has at home attest to the abilities of his birds. In fact, one entire wall in his Belleville residence is covered with trophies.

Dr. Stopa, who has raced pigeons as far away as the Louisiana cottonfields, says many of his racing birds are priceless. He has turned down an offer of \$1,000 for one bird alone, but has loaned his birds on occasion for breeding purposes.

Last year, some 27 disc

jockeys gathered in Farmington to release their personal pigeons. Altogether, 63 celebrities were represented by pigeons winging to Belleville.

H.B. PHILLIPS of WCAR radio finished first last year (this pigeon did, that is, Jerry Hodak's pigeon placed a close second). The third place pigeon last year was Warren Pidge's, a WCAR disc jockey and an FHS graduate.

Sometimes the birds never show up at Belleville. This happened last year to the bird representing Jimmy Launce of WJR. Because his bird never returned to roost, Launce was given a hind-end trophy, (the hind-end of a horse.)

Bozo the Clown was given a sitting pigeon award after his bird was discovered perched on a telephone wire.

Don Alcorn of WHFI radio received a "tired wings" award when his pigeon refused to leave his hand.

Working on the pigeon race this year is Hayden Camarun, co-chairman of the special events committee of the Farmington Founders Festival and insurance division manager for Thompson-Brown Agency, Inc.



MINI CRUSADER — Jimmy Launce, WJR disc jockey and crusader to save the mini skirt, is introduced to the pigeon he will race July 16 in Farmington's international pigeon race. The pigeon is appropriately named "Save the Mini." Making the introductions are Mrs. Janice Chubb and Hayden Camarun, both of Thompson-Brown Co. which co-sponsors the event.

## City Council OKs A & P

The Farmington City Council this week approved a swap of a parcel of the city parking lot in the downtown center for another parcel in the center owned by the Farmington Center Co.

The trade will allow the A & P food store in the center to build a \$150,000 addition to its store.

THE PROPERTY the city will receive is 4,500 square feet, the southern half of the former Himmelspach property. The parcel used to be the parking area for Himmelspach Dairy before it burned down.

The city gave to A & P store 1475 square feet from the existing municipal parking lot near the store.

In addition to the exchange of properties, A & P will provide a public parking area of 14,000 square feet along Orchard Street.

The City Council authorized the trade with little discussion. A resident of Orchard Street, Sam Hawkins, asked how long construction of the parking lot would take, and City Manager John Dinan re-

sponded, "It will be finished before the snow flies."

DINAN SAID the A & P parking lot would have about 50 spaces and be maintained by the food chain. A & P will also pay the city the expense of lighting the parking lot.

Also approved last week were two ordinances which stirred controversy at earlier meetings.

An ordinance prohibiting open burning of leaves in the city passed over the objections of Councilman John Allen.

"It's like shooting arrows at the sun," Allen commented.

He noted with air pollution coming in much larger quantities from other sources, the city should not have an anti-pollution ordinance "it cannot and will not enforce."

"The people should take their efforts and apply them to areas where they will do more good," Allen said.

THE COUNCIL unanimously adopted an ordinance allowing commercial vehicles to be parked in residential areas if Continued on Page 3A



FATAL CRASH — A Southfield youth, 15-year-old Steven S. Kantola of 25521 Circle Dr., was killed Tuesday night in a three-vehicle accident at 11 Mile and Halstead. Farmington Township Police said Kantola was a passenger in the car (picture) driven by Karl J. Lampinen, 21, of 28600 Grayfield in Farmington Township. Another passenger, Joseph Kilpela, 15, of 20075 Beech-Daly in Redford Township, was seriously injured and remains in

Providence Hospital in Southfield. The driver of the second car was Donald P. McCuig of 30400 Drake. Passengers in the McCuig car, all of whom had minor injuries, were his three children (ages 3-6), and a neighbor. The third vehicle was driven by Gerald O. Dingman of 8701 Chubb, Northville. Police declined to release details pending further investigation of the accident. (Everett photo)

## Parking Policy Is Key To Expansion

Future expansion of businesses now located in Downtown Farmington Center may hinge on how city officials settle a dispute over allocation of parking spaces.

The long-standing dispute was raised again when Farmington Center Co. asked for a swap of land with the city to allow expansion of the A&P store in the center.

WHEN THE LAND swap request appeared on the city council agenda, Metropolitan National Bank appeared and suggested that now was the time for the city to clarify, once and for all, who gets how many parking spaces in the downtown center area.

When the municipal parking lot was constructed in the center, each business paid a special assessment to help meet the cost.

It has been assumed by merchants that those businesses who paid special assessments would receive credit for spaces in the municipal lot based on their contribution.

Under this theory, for every \$200 in special assessments a merchant paid his business would be credited with one space in the municipal parking lot.

The council is now debating whether or not this "theory" is official policy of the city.

IF IT IS NOT, there will be a number of businesses who will not be able to expand their buildings. Some will not be able to expand even if it is official policy.

But Metropolitan Bank is among those businesses that can expand if given credit in the municipal lot for past assessments paid.

Because of zoning requirements, the number of private parking spaces plus the number credited for assessments determine whether a business has enough parking space to expand.

IN A REPORT to the council, City Manager John Dinan claims a business should get

credit for one parking space for every \$500 paid in special assessments.

Mayer Wilbur V. Brotherton disagrees. He believes the original agreements between the city and businesses "resulted in all the parking credit the merchants deserve."

To prove his point, he suggests members of the city council at the time the agreements were made should be consulted along with members of the downtown parking committee of the time.

CONCESSIONS were made to property owners in the center at the time the parking lot was paved, Brotherton said. The special assessments were paid "with no strings attached," he added.

The mayor commented that the businessmen participated in paying the municipal parking lot to "revitalize the downtown area."

The city manager's extensive report says live of 11 businesses in the center would

be allowed to expand if granted credit for special assessments paid.

"In conclusion," the report says, "there would be very little expansion allowed to the buildings of property owners who are allowed to operate in the same manner as the property owners that do have."

The properties that would be allowed to expand would be the Metropolitan National Bank, 4,100 square feet; Himmelspach, Inc., vacant property, 4,200 square feet; Charles William Office Building, 400 square feet; and Godmar-Bradley Drugs, 900 square feet. Center Tire, depending on use of the facility, could not be expanded for general retail sales.

It is quite evident that there would be inequities to

the property owners that have off-street parking facilities if they did not receive credit for contribution towards this off-street parking program, while other property owners who did not have off-street parking still are allowed to operate in the same manner as the property owners that do have.

## Springbrook Dogs Causing Nuisance

Residents in Springbrook Subdivision in Farmington Township who are not controlling their dogs are causing a nuisance, their neighbors contend.

Some Springbrook homeowners say the dogs belong to newcomers who are not aware that Michigan law requires a dog to be under his master's control when off his master's property.

Farmington Township police operate their dog control rules

under the jurisdiction of the Oakland County Animal Shelter, and under state law. If police see a dog running loose and the owner is known, a ticket can be issued to the owner. The penalty for the ticket is up to the judge's discretion.

Dogs running loose in Springbrook have been uprooting garbage cans, destroying plants and rock gardens, and chasing ducks nesting in swamps.



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