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ty GOP chairman finds that or-chestrating convention spontaneity is tiring./5A

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Summer delight: Whether eaten for a snack or baked in desserts, fresh juicy peaches are easy to love. Learn more about this popular fruit./1B

Winner Dinner: This week's menu features a tomato sauce that is quick and easy to make and burst-ing with the fresh flavor of sunripened tomatoes, it's served over pasta and accompanied by zucchi-ni pancakes./1B

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Coleman outlook: Former Harrison all-state quarterback Mill Coleman will start at wide receiver for Michigan State University.

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Local access: "Crisis in the Mod-ern Family: Blind Parents" will be presented on Channel 12. Check your cable guide for time and date.

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Police ask help at Flanders



Vandalism is a problem at Flanders Elementary School and the surrounding neighborhood. Police and school officials are hoping the public can help solve

BY CAREY HANS STAFF WRITER

Farmington police and school offi-cials are seeking community help to de-crease vandalism in the neighborhood around Flanders Elementary School, in light of recent property damage in the

Just last week, the exterior at the

back of the school building, playground equipment, garbage cans, and other school property was vandalized and spray-painted with obscenitles, causing an unspecified amount of damage ranging into the thousands of dollars. In two separate incidents last week, seven Livenia teenagers were caught trespass-ing on the school roof and four Farm-

Celebration of Farmington

Ington Hills teens were detained for shooting at a home on Meadowlark and breaking windows with pellet guns.

Police also have logged calls of suspicious circumstances, broken windows and other problems at the school and in the area, which includes the Farmington Meadows and Tall Pines subdivisions. Last week's apray painting was the third such incident in a month, officials said.

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Police calls to the area are increasing believe community awareness, said Farmington public safety director Frank Lauhoff. But there needs to be

Lauhoff said his department began working closely with the school and parents there one year ago, when patrols to the area were increased. Last week activity is prompting police to step up enforcement even more. "We've received a lot of helpful information from people in the area, but I guess we're looking for more," he said. "We need parental involvement in this people have to start talking to their

Troubles continue at park

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

Tales of dogs bothering people, peo-ple bothering wildlife and rollerbladers bothering just about everyone have been making the rounds among Heritage Park goers.

HERITAGE

more use than it ever has. With use, you're going to get abuse," said Farmington Hills City Manager William

Costick.

Calls to Costick's office came with greater frequency beginning in late June. Complaints about troubles in the park included dogs, vandalism, and rollerblading and bicycling on paved paths designated for handicapped park visities.

Vandals strike

The most notable vandalism occurred in early June when someone destroyed bluebird nests creeted by the Farmington Naturalista Club.

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To combat the complaints and growing number of incidents, park watches have been beefed up, according to city officials, who also wonder whether all park goers are aware of the dos and don'ts in the 211-acre park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile.

ton Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. From May 1 to July 31, includents of dogs in the park topped 27; bikes and roller/blades on forbidden paths reached 43; alcohol in the park, 16; speeding and parking violations, 6; vandalism, 25; wildlife destruction, 5; cars after dusk when the park gate closes, 31; rowdiness, such as foul language, 2; freeworks, 1; and amorous encounters, 3.

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But Dan Potter, Farmington Hills
special services director, whose department operates city parks, said "We
don't get many complaints about the
park.

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"Vandalism is the key problem. The bluebled houses were the worst. People are marking up or disfiguring tables or putting initials on railings. In the operation of a park system, you find vandalism comes and goes in streaks," Potter said.

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And then there are some complaints that aren't based on the breaking of park rules. Flahing in the pond that faces Farnington Road has some residents aghast. The goldfish-filled pond is available to anyone who wants to fish, Potter asid.

Taking his cuts: Wally Christensen, who has long been associated with the Farmington American Legion baseball program, played in the Old Timers softball game Saturday during Family Day in the Park at Shiawassee Park. There were activities for young and old alike at the event, which was part of the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the community's incorporation as a village. For more photos and a story, please see Thursday's Farmington Observer.

Watch repairman had big heart

It was just a little shop in downtown Farmington — only 12 by 14 feet, according to one reckoning — but the proprietor inside had a big, higheart. He was Michael Vizzini, owner of Farmington Watch & Clock Repair on Grand River next door to the Civic The-

67.

Mr. Vizzini, an Allen Park resident, is fondly remembered by his neighbor, Greg Hohler, owner of the Civic.

"He was one of the kindest, most generous persons I've ever known," Hohler said. "There was nothing he wouldn't

ater. Mr. Vizzini died Aug. 17 in Providence Hospital in Southfield. He was 67.

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Sister Dianna Kielian, a Roman Catholic nun, needed to get from there (Sioux City, Iowa) to here (Farmington Hills) for a meeting earlier this month. She did so without the aid of airplanes, trains or automobiles. The Sisters of Mercy nun simply climbed on her Schwinn World Sport 14-speed touring bicycle and pedaled the more than 600 miles in 11 days.

"I can honestly say that nothing hurt (on arrival here)," said the 37-year-old cycling enthusiast who was in Parmington Hills for the Sisters of Mercy annual meeting Aug. 8-10.

"I' I had the time, I would have cycled back to Iowa," said Sister Dianna, who is in administrater at the Marian Health Center in Sioux City, She returned the casy way — in an automobile.

FARMINGTON FOCUS

FARLITING FOR 1 POODS

State Dianna, a native of Flint, arrived in Farmington Hills Aug. 7 with no serious mishaps to report

not even a flat tire.
She len Sloux City July 27 with fellow sister Jeanine Tioot, who drave a car ahead. Another friend
cycled with Sister Dianna 900 miles across lows. But
after that, ahe was on her own.
"My favortic part of the trip happened near Manitowoc, Wis.", she said. "It was my first day of riding
alone. I was emotionally and physically exhausted.
"When I came over this hill and saw Lake Michigan, I thought, 'Oh, there's home.' It gave me the
burst of energy I needed to finish the journey." She
rode the ferry across Lake Michigan.

Sister Dianna's lodging along the way consisted of convents, bed and breakfast places and motels. One night a sympathetic family opened its doors to the itted cyclist.

Did the sister have any advice for someone planning a bicycle trip of this length? "I would tell them to train," she said.

Any cans or bottles?

Save your returnable cans and bottles for the Farmington High School Music Patrons drive on Saturday, Aug. 29. Freeceds will held with expenses

Saturary, case.

For band camp.

Students will pick up returnables from porches, or residents may bring them to the parking lot behind the A&P store in downtwon Farmington from 9 a.m.