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FOOD FOR THOUGHT
Wood Creek Elementary School second graders are providing tasty tips to their families and friends by offering a "Healthy Snacks" cookbook. "Healthy Snacks" contains 75 recipes with illustrations. The publication is the latest community service project benefiting Farmington's Neighborhood House. Students have raised more than \$200. Students are working with their teachers, Wendy Blackford, Linda Ernst, Jean Major and Marge Longridge. Parent volunteers assembled the laminated, spiral-bound cookbook. The publishing endeavor is part of a Michigan Model science and social studies project.

Tiger
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Lori Whitmer keeps active in the subdivision gatherings. Her husband is too busy during spring and summer, but he's in full gear come fall and winter. Despite wearing a Detroit Tigers uniform for a living, Whitmer has become one of the fellows in the sub. "It's kind of over that now," Whitmer said. "At first, everyone

'In California, where I'm from, we always dressed up for Halloween. I get dressed up for Halloween. Now a lot of the guys in the subdivision are starting to do it. We have a lot of fun.'

Dan Whitmer
Farmington Hills resident

wanted to meet me... I'm no different now. They don't ask me for autographs or to get them tickets.

"Once in awhile someone will ask for tickets, and I don't mind. They don't abuse it, though." Whitmer's been with the Tigers since 1984. He has a World Series ring from that championship season.

As a player, Whitmer was a career .229 hitter in spot duty as a catcher for the California Angels and the Toronto Blue Jays. He spent most of his time in the minors.

After he was released from the Blue Jays, Whitmer latched on with the Tigers as a bullpen catcher.

His job entails hitting grounders to utility infielders, pitching batting practice, and collecting grounders at third base before games. During Tiger contests, he warms up relief pitchers.

Spare time is spent in the bullpen. At Tiger Stadium, it's a staged dugout down the left field line — generally considered the worst seat in the park.

Players and coaches learn to deal with the mudane.

"We were in the old Chicago stadium (Comiskey Park)," Whitmer said. "They had a security guard down by the bullpen, and he had a pair of handcuffs. So, the guys handcuffed a pitcher to a chair."

"The phone rang. He (Bill Scherz) was supposed to get up (and warm up) and the security guard had left. We sort of hid and said he went to the bathroom."

Whitmer and his bullpen crew find ways to pass the time. They watch the game, and talk about the last pitch a guy might have deposited into the upper deck.

Topics can turn to non-baseball issues.

"Sometimes it's something real political, we try and figure out," Whitmer said. "It usually ends up being a bunch of crap."

There's a part of the coach who still wants to play. At 38, Whitmer is young enough to run across players he competed against who are still in the major leagues.

NATIONAL STUFF
Larkshire Elementary School had eight winners in the Junior American Citizens contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The winners include: Andrew Kravitz, first place, kindergarten; Dan Irvin's class, first place, kindergarten; group winner, Jenna Noleman and Sarah Houchins, first place, second grade; group poster, Samantha Sherry, second place, first grade; individual poster, Brendan Sher-

ry, second place, third grade; individual poster, Sarah Dygert, third place, kindergarten; individual banner, and Casey Shortt, third place, first grade, special project. Fifth graders Pat Adams, Blake DeHuff, Marcus Deher and Brandon Varlone received honorable mention for their group poster. Larkshire students won 73 state awards and 13 division awards. Larkshire entries were sponsored by the Three Flags Chapter of the DAR.

PHYSICALLY FIT
Cull Elementary fourth grader Kelley Ann Ogrodnick and fifth grader Brandon Schneider won the High Achievement Award for outstanding scores in all fitness tests. Students participated in a series of fitness tests to measure strength in their upper body, abdomen, legs as well as cardiovascular endurance and speed. Tests included pull-ups, flared arm hang, situps for one minute,

standing long jump, 50-meter dash and 600-yard run.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER
Farmington High student Kevin Afferbaugh has been awarded a college scholarship as part of the Procter & Gamble Fund Scholarship Program. Some 120 outstanding students who are children of Procter & Gamble employees were awarded scholarships. Recipients receive \$1,000 to \$3,000 a year for up to

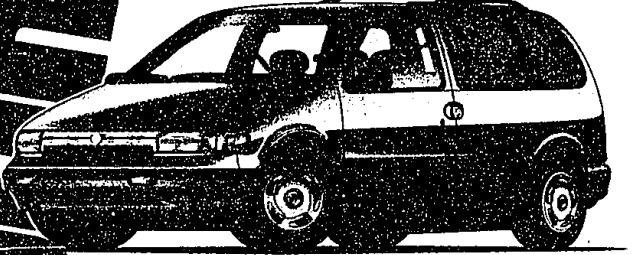
four years of full-time student at an accredited college or university. Winners are selected College Scholarship Service.

... AND ANOTHER
North Farmington High School senior Arvind Surendran has been awarded a \$5,000 scholarship from the University of South Alabama. He is the son of Munukur and Hemamalini Surendran. Surendran plans to major in pre-medicine beginning in the fall.

Continued and Advance Payment Program have payments based on '94 Mercury Villager with PEP 4924 MSRP of \$21,225. '94 Mercury Taurus MSRP of \$17,125 and '94 Mercury Taurus with PEP 3544 MSRP of \$19,765. Includes 60,000 miles and 60,000 miles. Lower payment based on average up-aided cost of 92.29% of MSRP for Villager, and 100% of MSRP for Taurus and 97.87% of MSRP for Taurus for 24-month fixed Capital Loans published in the Credit Library Report through 1/31/94. Some payments higher, some lower. See dealer for payment terms. Lower may have options, but is not eligible to be buy or at lease and at price to be negotiated with dealer at signing. Lower responsible for excess wear/tear and mileage over 30,000 miles at \$1.10/mile. Credit approval/financing determined by Ford Credit. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 6/29/94. Total of monthly payments is \$7,176 for Villager, \$6,456 for Taurus, \$6,871 for Taurus and \$5,256 for Taurus. This is an average of prices based on an independent survey of Metro Detroit Lincoln-Mercury dealers on March 29, 1994 for Grand Marquis, some prices higher, some lower. Title and license extra. See your Metro Detroit Lincoln-Mercury Dealer for his price and terms. 13 days wear your safety belt. *Taxes and title extra.

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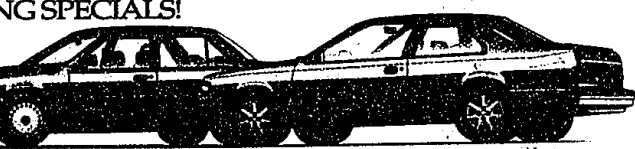


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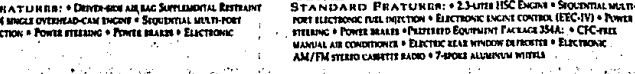
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